

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, October 13, 2019

The Christian Year: The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

*"For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good,
and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."
Matthew 5:45b*

[Please turn off cell phones and observe silence when the prelude begins.]

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship Psalm 145:1-3, 10

Minister: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Minister: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

People: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

Unison: Come! Let us give praise to the Lord!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 115 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

Heavenly Father, we come to you this day to offer our thanksgiving for all of the good you have done for us. And we praise you especially that you offer us the prospect of being drawn into the communion of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whom you have given over to death for us, and whom you give to us as food for eternal life. O Lord, you are the bread of heaven. Come to us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and feed us with yourself, as we hear your word and gather at your table. This we ask in your name. Amen.

*Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Q 79

Minister: Why does Christ call the bread His body and the cup His blood, or 'the new covenant in His blood'?

People: Christ has good reason for these words. He wants to teach us that as bread and wine nourish our temporal life, so too His crucified body and poured-out blood truly nourish our souls for eternal life. But more important, He wants to assure us, by this visible sign

and pledge, that we, through the Holy Spirit's work, share in His true body and blood as surely as our mouths receive these holy signs in His remembrance, and that all of His suffering and obedience are as definitely ours as if we personally had suffered and paid for our sins. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Tune: Ode to Joy
Glory be to him who loved us, washed us from all sin and stain!
Glory be to him who bought us, made us kings with him to reign!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb that once was slain!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory to his holy name!

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 804) Psalm 51

*Hymn of Response No. 490
Out of the Deep I Call

Public Confession

Minister: In repentance and rest is your salvation; in quietness and trust is your strength. Isaiah 30:15

People: O Lord, my every sense, member, faculty, affection, is a snare to me. I can scarce open my eyes but I envy those above me, or despise those below. I covet the honor and riches of the mighty, and am proud and unmerciful to the rags of others. Am I attractive? What fuel for pride! Am I gifted? How I lust after applause! Do I have much? How imprisoned I am by what I possess. Am I in need? How I despise what I have not! You know that all these are snares; but my greatest snare is myself. Keep me ever mindful of my heart, but let me not forget my heavenly title, nor the grace that can deal with every sin.

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Promise of the Gospel

Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:4-5

*Hymn of Assurance No. 455
And Can It Be That I Should Gain

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Tune: Old Hundredth
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of the Holy Scriptures Psalm 145:9

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Mark Futato
"GOD'S COSMIC GOODNESS"

*Hymn of Response and Preparation SH No. 7
Behold the Lamb
(verses 1-2)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation and Instructions

All who have professed faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized and who are communicant members in good standing in an evangelical church are invited to come to participate in this sacred Sacrament of the Church. This is not a Presbyterian table, and we do not restrict it as such; it is the Lord's Table. However, the church alone grants access to the table and must guard it from the leaven of unrighteousness (1 Cor. 5:6-8). Therefore, if you have not repented and trusted in Christ or if you are harboring sin in your life or if there is any person from whom you are estranged, please do not participate in this meal. We invite you instead to use this time to reflect and ask God to speak to your heart and to give you more light and understanding. Children who have not been admitted to the table by the church should also refrain from partaking of the Supper.

*For those who prefer, the outer ring of the tray is grape juice.
Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served
so that we may partake together.*

*Departing Hymn SH No. 7
Behold the Lamb
(verses 3-4)

*The Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

In conjunction with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the deacons encourage you to consider supporting their work among those in need by giving an offering as you leave worship. This offering will be used to provide assistance to those in our congregation and wider community who have financial and material needs. Please use the mercy box to make your gift. Many thanks to you!

Cookies & Catechism immediately following the service.