

# THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, January 12, 2020

*The Christian Year: The First Sunday after the Epiphany*

## 10:30 AM Morning Service

*"Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord." Jeremiah 23:23-24*

[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 16

Minister: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

People: **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

Minister: The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

People: **Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?**

Minister: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap.

Unison: **Praise the Lord!**

#### \*Hymn of Adoration No. 119

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

#### \*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

Lord, you know all things; you know my downsitting and my uprising and are acquainted with all my ways. I can inform you of nothing, and it is vain to try to hide anything from you. In the light of your perfect knowledge I would be as artless as a little child. Help me to put away all care, for you know the way that I take and when you have tried me, I shall come forth as gold. In the name of Jesus, I come to you. Amen.

*Adapted from The Knowledge of the Holy by Tozer*

#### \*Affirmation of Faith WCF III

Minister: Christian, what do you believe about God?

People: **There is only one living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection. He is a most pure spirit, invisible, with neither body, parts, nor passive properties. He is unchangeable, boundless, eternal, and incomprehensible. He is almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, and most absolute. He works all**

things according to the counsel of his own unchangeable and most righteous will, for his own glory. He is most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and he is the rewarder of those who diligently seek him. He is also most just and terrifying in his judgments, hating all sin, and will by no means acquit the guilty.

Unison: Thanks be to God.

#### \*Gloria Patri Tune: Regent Square

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,  
glory be to God the Spirit, God Almighty, Three in One!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory be to him alone.**

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

#### \*Hymn of Confession No. 486

*God Be Merciful to Me*

#### Public Confession

Dear Father, you have been more concerned about our sin than we have. Only you truly know how it robs us of life and separates us from the intimate fellowship that you desire with your people. And yet we know that your grace is greater than all our sin. What more could you have done for us than what you have done at the cross? Therefore, in humility and hope, we trust you to look upon us as we are--united to our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ. For His sake, forgive us all our sins and offenses. Renew and refresh us again through the intercession of our Great High Priest. By the ministry of the Holy Spirit, enable us to hear your voice of comfort: "Blessed indeed are those whose sins are forgiven, whose iniquity is covered." For Jesus' sake we pray. Amen.

#### Private Confession

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### Promise of the Gospel

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. Psalm 130:3-4, 7

#### \*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 184

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
(Tune: St. Columba, verses 1-4)*

#### 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 Genesis 16:1-16

#### \*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

*"THE GOD WHO SEES"*

#### \*Hymn of Response and Preparation No. 184

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
(Tune: St. Columba, verses 5-6)*

#### 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 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 No. 246

*Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

#### \*Benediction

#### Postlude

*\*Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

The deacons invite you to support them in their work of meeting the needs of members of our congregation and the wider community who are experiencing hardship. You may leave your gift following worship in the Mercy Box at the rear of the sanctuary. As you do this, the deacons want you to know that they are helping members and friends of Christ the King. For reasons of confidentiality, we do not publicize our efforts. But please know that your gifts are helping people! Many, many thanks!

**Cookies & Catechism will resume next week.**

**If you would like someone to pray with you,  
an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary  
following the service.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **Women's Bible Study Resumes**