THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, February 9, 2020

The Christian Year: Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 AM Morning Service

"I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live."
Psalm 116:1-2

[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 149**

Minister: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly!

People: For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.

Minister: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

People: Let the high praises of God be in their voices!

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

***Hymn of Adoration** **No. 38**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
(verse 3 a cappella)

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

Incomprehensible, great and glorious God, our Father: We adore you and marvel that you should desire for us nothing less than the fullness of joy that enfolds you, together with your Son and the Holy Spirit. Enable us to remember the blood that cleanses every sin, and to trust the grace that delivers from every bondage. You have begun a good work in us. Bring it to completion that we might know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, reigns in glory everlasting. Amen.

***Confession of Faith** **Heidelberg Catechism, Q 60**

Minister: How are you right with God?

People: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart. Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri** **Tune: Ode to Joy**

Glory be to God the Father, and to Christ His Only Son;
Praise we, too, the Holy Spirit, binding all the church as one.
As it was in the beginning, is for now and evermore;
Amen, Amen! Alleluia! Praise to God the Three in One!

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

***Hymn of Confession** **No. 497**

I Need Thee, Precious Jesus

Public Confession

Gracious and loving Father, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name; what our hearts can no longer bear, what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future filled with hope, in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ our light and our life. Amen.

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Promise of the Gospel

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are like crimson, they shall become like wool. . . . In repentance and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength." Isaiah 1:18, 30:15

***Hymn of Confession and Thanksgiving** **No. 500**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology** **Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures** **xxx**

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

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***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 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)

***Benediction**

Postlude

****Denotes congregation standing, if able.***

Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service

The deacons encourage you to consider supporting their work among those in need by giving an offering as you leave worship this morning. 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!