

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 15, 2018 | Missions Sunday

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise | "The Church's One Foundation"

Affirmation of Faith

Psalm 96

Minister: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Minister: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

People: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

Minister: For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

People: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

People: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

Minister: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

All: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth.

"Mighty to Save"

Call to Confession

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 57-59, 62;
Exodus 20:8-11

Minister: What is the fourth commandment?

People: The fourth commandment is: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. (Exodus 20:8-11)

Minister: What does the fourth commandment require?

People: The fourth commandment requires us to set apart to God that times he has established in his word - specifically one whole day out of every seven as a holy Sabbath to him.

Minister: Which day of the week has God designed as the Sabbath?

People: From the beginning of the world until the resurrection of Christ, God established the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath. From that time until the end of the world, the first day of the week is the Christian Sabbath.

Minister: What are the reasons for the fourth commandment?

People: The reasons for the fourth commandment are these: God allows us six days of the week to take care of our own affairs; he claims the seventh day as his own; he set the example, and he blesses the Sabbath.

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Our God in heaven, if you should mark iniquities, who could stand? We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Not one of us does good, no, not one. We have stiffened our necks against your will, hardened our hearts to your Word, refused to hear your voice, pulled away from your loving embrace, despised correction, and forgotten you in our thoughts. Yes, we have sinned against you. Father, we repent. We come to Christ, who has promised rest for our souls. We take his yoke upon us. We desire to learn from him. Grant that we may bring forth the fruits of repentance from sincere hearts, which are precious in your sight. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Ephesians 1:7

Minister: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

"My Savior's Love (I Stand Amazed)"

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering | Worship Choir | "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

"Missionary Principles from Jesus the Missionary"

Matthew 5:4

Rev. Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Closing Song | "King of Love"

Benediction

Postlude