

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 1, 2018

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise | "God of Our Fathers"

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell*. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Jesus "descended into hell" as he suffered the pain and torment of divine wrath.*

***The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, geographical, or language barriers.*

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?"

Call to Confession

Romans 13:8-10

Minister: Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O God of heaven, we confess that we have not lived our lives in the light of eternity. We have not held fast to the truth that "the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing to the glory that will be revealed to us." We have not set our affections on the unseen eternal things, but set them time and time again on transient things; things we hope will save us; things we hope will give us joy; things to keep us from becoming bored. But Lord, we also confess that we have not sufficiently thanked you for the provision you make for our lives now. We seldom thank you for the men and women who serve and protect our nation. We are not in the habit of praying for the various leaders which you have set over us. We are ungrateful for the liberties we enjoy every day, always craving more than we deserve. Lord, save us from our sin, and guide us in your ways.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Hebrews 9:15

Minister: Therefore Jesus Christ is the Mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

"Oh How I Need You"

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering | Kevin Moody

The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

"A Warning and an Invitation"

Acts 8:9-25

Rev. Nolan Williamson

The Service of Communion

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is fitting and right that we give you thanks and praise, O God, at all times and in all places. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your name, saying, "Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory to God in the highest."

Words of Institution

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

Closing Song | "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

Benediction

Postlude