

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 4, 2018

Prelude

Call to Worship

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

"Gloria Patri"

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.*

"Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven"

Call to Confession

Adapted from Westminster Larger Catechism Q/A 140-141;
Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 110; Exodus 20:15

Minister: What is the eighth commandment?

People: The eighth command is: You shall not steal.

Minister: What does the eighth command require?

All: The eighth commandment requires us to act truthfully, faithfully, and justly in our contractual and business relationships with our fellow human beings so that we give to all what they deserve. We are to make restitution for anything we have unlawfully acquired from its rightful owner; we should give and lend freely, according to our ability and the needs of others; we must moderate our judgment, will, and inclinations about worldly goods; we must exercise prudence in the acquisition, maintenance, use and disposition of the things that we need and are appropriate to sustain us humanly and that match our condition in life; we should find something lawful to do in life and work hard at it; we should be frugal; and we should avoid unnecessary lawsuits. Finally we must do our best, by all just and lawful means, to acquire, preserve, and increase our own and others' money and possessions.

That we do whatever we can for our neighbors' good, that we treat others as we would like them to treat us, and that we work faithfully so that we may share with those in need.

Minister: What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

All: He forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law. But in God's sight theft also includes cheating and swindling our neighbor by schemes made to appear legitimate, such as: inaccurate measurements of weight, size or volume; fraudulent merchandizing; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God. In addition he forbids all greed and pointless squandering of his gifts.

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty God, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly acknowledge that we have not lived in a manner worthy of your redeeming grace. You have raised us up with Christ who is seated at your right hand. You have commanded us to set our mind on things above and not on the things of earth. Yet we have transgressed your laws by loving ourselves more than you our God, or our neighbor. We are so easily caught up in the materialism of our day, worshipping the creature and the creation, rather than you, our Creator. When we do this we forget your mighty victory over sin and death. Have mercy upon us, O God. Deliver us from immorality, impurity, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. Do not leave us to ourselves but send your Spirit that we may live above this fallen world, and show forth your resurrection power. In the exalted name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

1 Timothy 1:15

Minister: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering | Worship Choir | "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"

The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

"What We're Here For"

Psalm 150

Rev. Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III

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

"Come Ye Sinners"

Closing Song | "The Solid Rock"

Benediction

Postlude