

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 6, 2019

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise | "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

"Gloria Patri"

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

Minister: Christians, what do we believe?

All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

"Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven"

Call to Confession

Adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism Q/A # 3, 4, 5

Minister: How do you come to know your misery?

People: The Law of God tells me.

Minister: What does God's law require of us?

People: Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

Minister: Can you live up to all this perfectly?

People: No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.

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. None of us do 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 that in Him we shall find rest for our souls. We take His yoke upon us. We desire to learn from Jesus. 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

Romans 10:10-11, 13

Minister: For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

"Abide with Me"

Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering | CEPC Band

The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

"Jesus the Divider"

John 7:40-52

Rev. Richard Harris

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

"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

Closing Song | "There Is a Redeemer"

Benediction

Postlude