



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
AUGUST 19, 2018



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 am

10:30 am

12:00 noon

1:00 pm

Adult Bible Study

Family Worship Service

Fellowship Hour

Choir Practice

WORSHIP SERVICE

August 19, 2018

Ordinary Time

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

***Call to Worship (Psalm 111, NRSV)**

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Praise

***Songs of Praise:**

“How Great Thou Art” (#553 vs. 1&4 choir; 2 women; 3 men)

“Give Me a Clean Heart” (#621)

“Here I Am to Worship” (#567)

***God’s Greeting**

Choral Anthem: O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go

Renewal

Remembering Our Baptisms

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the sacrament of baptism reminds and assures us that we share in the death and resurrection of Christ and are incorporated into Christ’s holy church. Baptism proclaims the faith of the church through being united with Christ. The water of baptism is a sign and seal of God’s promise to cleanse us from sin, renew us,

and reconcile all things to himself in Christ. In baptism, God's people are promised the gift of the Holy Spirit as a pledge of this reconciliation. The same Spirit binds us to each other and joins us to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice. In many Christian Reformed Congregations, worshippers are invited to communally reaffirm their baptismal vows through liturgies of profession and commitment. And so this morning, let us respond to these questions with, "We do, God helping us."

Do you reject evil, professing your faith in Jesus and the good confession of the Church?

Do you confess and renounce sin and the power of Satan in your life and in the world?

Do you commit to be a faithful part of this congregation, and through worship and service, seek to advance God's kingdom here and throughout the world?

Do you promise to accept spiritual guidance in the Church, to walk in a spirit of Christian love with this congregation, and to seek those things that make for unity, purity, and peace?

Profession of Faith

Let us now Profess our Faith with the words of the Apostle's Creed, which we will respond to in question and answer form:

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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 to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Response of Gratitude: "Baptized in Water" (#790 vs. 1-3)

RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

Offering: General Fund

***Offering Response:** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" (#876 vs. 2)

PROCLAMATION

Word for the Children

Scripture: Romans 6:1-14 (p. 1182)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: United Under Grace

Response of Faith: HC QA 69-71

***Hymn of Response:** *“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” (#802)*

SENDING

***Blessing**

***Doxology:** *“The Lord Bless You” (#948)*

Postlude

Participants:

Preaching: Rev. Mark Hofman

Pianist: Joan DeWindt