

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, June 18, 2017

“Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth I desire besides you.  
My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

**Psalm 73:25-26**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

## Greeting and Blessing\*

## Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 28 (p. 793)

## Hymn of Preparation\*

“O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord” Hymn 13

## Congregational Confession of Sin

**Leader:** Almighty God and Heavenly Father, we pray to you in sorrow and frustration as we consider how we have sinned against you.

**All:** We know in our hearts what is right, and yet we did wrong anyway. We have acted wickedly by turning aside from your commandments and seeking our own ways.

**Leader:** Forgive us, we pray, and have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. Grant that our hearts might be filled again with joy and peace as we hear your assurance of forgiveness.

**All:** All glory be to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Private Confession of Our Sins

## Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:22-25

“Christ committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”

*\* Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

# ADORATION AND PRAISE

## First Reading\*

Psalm 73

## Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

“Come, Let Us Join...” Hymn 393

## Confession of Faith

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism*

**Q. 67.** *What is the Sixth Commandment?*

**A.** The Sixth Commandment is, “You shall not murder.”

**Q. 68.** *What is required in the Sixth Commandment?*

**A.** The Sixth Commandment requires all lawful endeavors to preserve our own lives and the lives of others.

**Q. 69.** *What is forbidden in the Sixth Commandment?*

**A.** The Sixth Commandment forbids the taking away of our own lives or the lives of our neighbors unjustly, or whatever tends to do so.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

## Tithes and Offerings

## Doxology\*

Hymn 732

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer\*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

**Second Reading\***

Mark 14:32-72

**Psalm of the Month** (based on Psalm 73:23-28)

“In Sweet Communion...” Hymn 657

**Pastoral Prayer** (based on Psalm 136:23-26)

**Sermon**

“Betrayed Into the Hands of Sinners”

Pastor Ben Muresan

Mark 14:37-72

## GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

**Hymn of Thanksgiving\***

“Be Thou My Vision” Hymn 642

**Benediction\***

**Congregational Benediction Response\***

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

Honor, glory, might, and merit, be to God and God alone!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One in Three and Three in One. Amen.

## LORD’S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

In Mark 14:42 Jesus says to Peter, James, and John, “Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.” This verse signals the beginning of a series of events that will soon end with Jesus’ crucifixion. All that he has predicted and warned his Disciples about will come to pass within just a few hours. And while the sufferings of Jesus at the hands of sinful men becomes evident in the violence that is done to him, there is a clear sense in which God’s will is being fulfilled as Jesus submits to it. The comfort we find in Mark 14:37-72 is that final justice will be shown to those who reject Jesus, but grace will be shown to those who are his people. While all leave Jesus and flee (Mark 14:50), we know that Peter will later be restored, showing the truth of the perseverance of the saints.

The reading is Luke 22.

### Questions:

1. Read Mark 14:32-42. What does Jesus exhort his Disciples to do? Why? What can we learn from Jesus’ exhortation?
2. What is the significance of Jesus’ saying in Mark 14:59, “But let the Scriptures be fulfilled,” as you consider God’s decree? Read and discuss *Westminster Confession of Faith* Ch. 3.
3. What is Jesus referring to in Mark 14:62? How does the knowledge of a Final Judgment bring us comfort in this life?
4. Read John 21:15-19. What is the grace that Jesus shows Peter? What is Peter’s reaction?
5. Read 1 Peter 4:12-19 in light of Peter’s denial and his restoration by Jesus. What is Peter’s instruction to the Church?