

# THE LORD'S DAY

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Morning Worship Service: 10:15 AM • Evening Catechism Service: 5:00 PM

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## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15 AM

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### Prelude and Silent Prayer

*(Upon entering the sanctuary, please remain silent as the congregation prepares for worship)*

Almighty God, be present among us in power, and with great might comfort and sustain us; that though our sins and wickedness would hinder us in the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Welcome and Announcements

#### God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Psalm 34:8-10

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!  
Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 5

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

**Amen!**

Give ear to my words, O LORD;

**Consider my groaning.**

Give attention to the sound of my cry,

**My King and my God, for to you do I pray.**

O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;

**In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.**

For you bless the righteous, O LORD;

**You cover him with favor as with a shield.**

†“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!” #374\*

## God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession Psalm 22:23-24

Confession of Sin *(Book of Common Prayer, 1549)*

**O most mighty God, and merciful Father, who has compassion upon all people; who desires not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin and be saved: mercifully forgive our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Your nature is always to have mercy; to you only it belongs to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, O Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed; enter not into judgment with your servants, who are dust, and miserable sinners; but so turn your anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our sins, and truly repent of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with you in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 2:11-13, 19

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

†Psalm 73D

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 115A

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading    Ecclesiastes 1:1-2:11  
This is the Word of the Lord.                    (p. 553)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading    1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
This is the Word of the Lord.                    (p. 952)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

ECCLESIASTES 1:1-2:11  
LIFE UNDER THE SUN  
i. Fundamental Observations  
ii. Pushing Back  
iii. Looking Hard at Life

†“Take My Life, and Let It Be”        #538; 1, 3, 5

## God Communes with Us in the Lord’s Supper

Preparation and Prayer of Consecration  
By the promise of God this bread and wine are  
for us the body and blood of Christ. Lift up  
your hearts!  
**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Distribution of the Bread and Wine  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering                                    1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund  
    2<sup>nd</sup>: Peace URC

## God Blesses Us and Sends Us to Be a Blessing

†Benediction                                Numbers 6:24-26  
The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD  
make his face to shine upon you and be  
gracious to you; the LORD lift up his  
countenance upon you and give you peace.  
**Amen!**

†Doxology (unannounced, #568)\*  
**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.**

Postlude

† = please stand, if able  
**bold** = congregational response  
\* = the congregation is invited to lift hands  
(during last stanza); cf. Ps. 63:4, 1 Tim. 2:8

## Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

If you are visiting with us this morning, we  
invite you to participate in the Lord’s Supper  
with us if the following is true of you:

1. you have received Christian baptism  
into the name of the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit;
2. you have made a public profession of  
faith in Jesus Christ;
3. you have formal, committed  
membership in a true Christian church.

If you have any questions about this, please  
speak with an elder after the service.



days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

**You shall not murder.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**You shall not steal.**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**You shall not covet... anything that is your neighbor's.**

Pastoral Prayer

**Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen!**

*Psalms of the Month*

†Psalm 90A

Scripture Reading Exodus 20:12-17

This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 61)

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER

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THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

i. Honor Your Parents

ii. Submit to Authority

iii. A Commandment with a Promise

104 Q. What is God's will for you in the fifth commandment?

**A. That I show honor, love, and faithfulness to my father and mother and all those in authority over me; submit myself with proper obedience to all their good teaching and discipline; and also that I be patient with their failings—for by their hand God wills to rule us.**

†“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” #216

Offering General Fund

†Benediction 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen!**

†“Christ Shall Have Dominion” #421

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