

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology #731

\*Confession of Faith – Westminster Confession 3.1

**From all eternity and by the completely wise and holy purpose of his own will, God has freely and unchangeably ordained whatever happens. This ordainment does not mean, however, that God is the author of sin (he is not), that he represses the will of his created beings, or that he takes away the freedom or contingency of secondary causes. Rather, the will of created beings and the freedom and contingency of secondary causes are established by him.**

*GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE*

\*Closing Hymn *Onward, Christian Soldiers* #572

\*Benediction

Postlude

### Leading Today's Service

Pastor	Mark Tippin
Accompanist	Mark Mehn
Liturgist	Henry Groenenberg
Head Usher	Patti Christensen
Greeter	Mike Fankhauser
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	Debbie Hutchins

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If you have any questions, prayer requests, or are ready and excited to join our mission to reach all of Casper for Christ, contact the church office or Pastor Mark.

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### Welcome to our Visitors

To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come -- this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of Jesus her Lord.

We are glad you are here to worship with us this morning! The pamphlet in the pew pocket will help you get to know our church better, and please fill out and return the visitor form also so that we can get to know you. We have fellowship and refreshments after the service in the parlor, which is through the doors at the front of the sanctuary.

Children are welcomed and encouraged to remain in the worship service, however a nursery is available for infants and preschool-aged children. Ask anyone around you for directions. Activity bags are also available in the rear of the sanctuary for children to use during the service.



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## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

*\*Please stand if you are able*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE FOR WORSHIP*

\*Call to Worship Psalm 65:1-4

**Leader:** Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.

**People:** O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.

**Leader:** When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!

**People:** We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple! Let us come and worship you, God of Zion.

\*Opening Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* #116

\*Invocation

**\*Singing of Psalm 104:24-28, 31-35** (To the tune of *O Worship the King*)

Verse 1

How many works, LORD,  
in wisdom You've made!  
How full on the earth,  
Your riches displayed!  
Out yonder the ocean,  
how great and how wide,  
Where small and great creatures  
unnumbered abide!

Verse 2

Where ships sail the deep,  
Leviathans play;  
These all look to You  
to give food each day.  
Whatever You give them  
they gather for food;  
When Your hand You open  
You fill them with good.

Verse 3

When You hide Your face,  
bewildered they yearn.  
When You take their breath,  
to dust they return.  
When You send Your spirit,  
created are they.  
The face of the ground  
You renew every day.

Verse 4

Forever O may  
the LORD's glory stand!  
The LORD shall enjoy  
each work of His hand.  
He looks on the earth  
and it trembles in fear;  
When He touches mountains,  
the smoke will appear.

Verse 5

I'll sing to the LORD  
as long as I live,  
Sing praise to my God  
while life He will give.  
My thoughts about Him  
will sweet pleasure afford.  
For I am rejoicing  
each day in the LORD.

Verse 6

Consumed from the earth  
let sinners then be;  
The wicked in life  
no more let us see.  
And now, O my soul,  
blessing give to the LORD.  
Let glad hallelujahs ring;  
O praise the LORD!

*GOD HEARS OUR CONFESSION*

**Ten Commandments Table II** (in unison)

Ten Commandments Table II (Exodus 20:12-17) Pew Bible [Blue] p. 61, [Red] p. 78

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

**Merciful Father, we come before you this Lord's day as covenant breakers. We have sinned against you; we have not even done what we said we would do for you, let alone all you demand of us. While we are covenant breakers Lord, you are a covenant keeping God, and because of this we approach you in fear and trembling, pleading for forgiveness on the basis of your promises. We approach you by the blood of the new covenant, your son, Jesus Christ, and in his name ask for forgiveness. (Silent Confession) Amen!**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Brothers and sisters, hear, believe and receive the good news of the Gospel -- in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God for his grace!**

**Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Peace be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Gloria Patri**

#735

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

(inside front hymnal cover)

**Anthem**

*Go and Tell John*

Lloyd Pfautsch

*GOD BRINGS US HIS WORD*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Scripture**

2 Kings 12:1-9, Pew Bible [Blue] p. 318, [Red] p. 404

**New Testament Scripture**

Luke 20:45-21:4, Pew Bible [Blue] p. 880, [Red] p. 1119

**Sermon**

*When Less Is More*

Mark Tippin

*OUR RESPONSE TO HIS WORD*

**\*Hymn of Response**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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