

## *The Lord's Day*

June 24, 2012  
9:30 & 11:00 AM

*We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.  
As you enter the sanctuary, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.  
Please turn off your cell phone and turn your thoughts toward God.*

### **We prepare for worship**

*Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...*

*The world does not consider labor a blessing, therefore, it flees and hates it but the pious who fear the Lord, labor with a ready and cheerful heart; for they know God's command and will, they acknowledge His calling.*

*Martin Luther (1483-1546)*

Prelude

*Amazing Grace*

Traditional

Mr. Casey Barnett, trumpet  
Mrs. Gloria Hague, Music Director

### **We praise our great God**

\*God's Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 96:1-4a

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD all the earth.

**Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.**

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.**

\*Hymn No. 455

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

Sagina

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies: who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the first born seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),  
Humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

\*Invocation

**We embrace Christ our Savior**

Psalter Reading

Psalm 72:1-19

(*Hymnal*, pg. 810)

Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

**He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.**

The mountains will bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

**He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor.**

He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

**He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.**

In his days the righteous will flourish, prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.

**He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

The desert tribes will bow before him and his enemies will lick the dust.

**The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores will bring tribute to him;**

the kings of Sheba and Seba will present him gifts.

**All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him.**

For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.

**He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.**

He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.

**Long may he live! May gold from Sheba be given him.**

May people ever pray for him and bless him all day long.

**Let grain abound throughout the land; on the tops of hills may it sway.**

Let its fruit flourish like Lebanon; let it thrive like the grass of the field.

**May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun**

All nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.

**Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.**

Praise be to his glorious name forever, may the whole earth be filled with his glory.

**Amen and Amen.**

\**The Gloria Patri*

(*Hymnal*, pg. 735)

\*Our Assurance of Grace (responsive)

Romans 3:21-25a; 5:1, 2

But now a righteousness from God, apart from the law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

**This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.**

There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.**

God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.

**Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,**

through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

\*Hymn (insert)

*In Christ Alone*

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In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Till on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world, by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

### Aisquith Life and Opportunities

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

### **We respond in gratitude for God's blessing**

\**The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731)* and Prayer of Dedication

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

*Bless, O Lord, Us Thy Servants*

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Fran Oswinkle, soprano

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple; Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may shew forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **We hear God speak**

Scripture

Isaiah 40:9, Romans 1:16, 17 and Ephesians 6:15

Sermon

Dr. Ron Bergey

"Why we need not be ashamed of the Gospel"

### **We respond to God's Grace**

\*Hymn No. 341

Spiritus Vitae

*O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping through Us*

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us, revive your church with life and pow'r;  
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us, and fit your church to meet this hour.

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us, till humbly we confess our need;  
Then in your tenderness remake us, revive, restore, for this we plead.

O Breath of love, come breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart;  
Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us, revive your church in every part.

O Heart of Christ, once broken for us, 'tis there we find our strength and rest;  
Our broken, contrite hearts now solace, and let your waiting church be blest.

Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating while harvest fields are vast and white?  
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting, equip your church to spread the light.

\*Benediction and Three-Fold Amen (*Hymnal, pg. 740*)

Danish

Postlude

*God of Our Fathers*

Traditional

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\*Those who are able, please stand.

The flowers were given by Howard & Jean Flynn in memory of their son, Mark.

**We welcome Dr. Ronald Bergey** to our pulpit this morning. The Bergey family has served with Mission to the World since 1988, and current minister at the seminary in Aix-en-Provence, France.