

The Lord's Day

July 3, 2011

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...

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; we humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

Prelude

Mr. Stephen Holmes, Music Director

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 66:1-5

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you."

"All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name."

Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf!

*Hymn No. 710

God of Our Fathers

National Hymn

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay; thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase, thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way, lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Confession of Sin (unison)

(based on Daniel 9:4-19)

O Lord, great God, whom we behold in awe and wonder, who has kept covenant and steadfast love with your people from age to age. We have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and ordinances. We have known in our hearts what is right and yet we did wrong anyway. We have been fascinated by evil, delighted with pleasing ourselves, satisfying our desires, pampering ourselves with pleasures. O Lord, great God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. We know you are a God who delights in goodness. Grant that we too might delight in goodness. We know you are a God who rejoices in peace and justice. Grant that we might be at peace with ourselves and each other. O Lord, great God, grant that our hearts might be filled with a love of justice with peace beyond understanding, with patience, with joy. These prayers we present to you, O Father, in the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain and yet lives forever more. Amen.

*Assurance of Grace 1 Peter 1:17-21

Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially,
live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear.

**For [we] know that it is not with perishable things such as silver
or gold that [we] were redeemed from the empty way of life handed
down to [us] from [our] forefathers,**

but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or
defect.

**He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed
in these last times for [our] sake.**

Through him you believed in God, who raised him from the dead and
glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

*Hymn No. 713 *Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer* St. Anne

Great King of nations, hear our prayer, while at your feet we fall,
And humbly, with united cry, to you for mercy call.

The guilt is ours, but grace is yours, O turn us not away;
But hear us from your lofty throne, and help us when we pray.

Our fathers' sins were manifold, and ours no less we own,
Yet wondrously from age to age your goodness has been shown.

When dangers, like a stormy sea, beset our country round,
To you we looked, to you we cried and help in you was found.

With one consent we meekly bow beneath your chast'ning hand,
And, pouring forth confession meet, mourn with our mourning land.

With pitying eye behold our need, and thus we lift our prayer;
Correct us with your judgments, Lord, then let your mercy spare.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities
The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

**The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 732)* and Prayer of Dedication
God's Tithes and Our Offerings
The Offertory

We hear God speak in Word and Sacrament

Scripture

Exodus 12

(Pew Bible, pg. 48)

Sermon “The Price of Freedom” Pastor Bell
 Hymn No. 307 (vv. 1-3) *Nothing but the Blood* Plainfield

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
 What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

***O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
 No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.***

For my cleansing this I see—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
 For my pardon this my plea—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
 Naught of good that I have done—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

The Lord’s Supper

We respond to God’s Grace

*Hymn No. 420 *At the Lamb’s High Feast* St. George’s Windsor

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
 Who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;
 Praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
 Gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death’s dark angel sheathes his sword;
 Israel’s hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
 With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky, pow’rs of hell beneath thee lie;
 Death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
 Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;
 Holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

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

 *Those who are able, please stand.

The flowers were given by the Beerli children in honor of George & Ruth Ellen’s anniversary.

The IMPACT team raised \$3365 at the yard sale. Pray for them as they prepare to leave for Guadalajara, Mexico on July 16th.

Our thanks to all who participated in Vacation Bible School last week. A special thanks to Jodi Leubecker and Liz Leininger for directing this year.

Please don’t park along the new yellow curbing in front of the Oakcrest Ave. doors. We want to keep that area open as a drop-off zone.

The 2011 Women in the Church International Conference will be held October 7-9, 2011 in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme for this conference is a grand and glorious look at the full orbed grace of God in our lives — Amazing Grace 360! We are encouraging girls 13 years and up to attend. Nancy Guthrie, a gifted teacher, writer, and conference speaker will serve as the Conference teacher. The preacher for this year’s

event will be Brian Habig, pastor of the Downtown Presbyterian Church in Greenville, South Carolina, and former Reformed University Fellowship Minister. Now is the time to rehearse the scope and surety of God's grace in our lives, to come together as this portion of His body to worship, learn, celebrate, anticipate, and focus on His eternal grace to and in us.

Financial Report through May 31st

Budget:	\$151,300
Received:	\$141,000
Expenses:	\$161,100
Shortfall:	\$20,100

Some budget items such as property insurance and maintenance policies are all paid in the first part of the year. Utility costs are also higher for the winter months. These and other early expenses cause the situation to look worse than it is. We are, however, asking you to carefully and prayerfully examine your giving and remember: "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:6, 7).