

The Lord's Day

October 13, 2013
9:30 & 11:00 AM

We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest. Our hope and prayer is that you will encounter the Living God and experience his grace and blessing in the service and through fellowship with his people. As we prepare for worship, quiet is requested when the prelude begins.

We prepare for worship

Take a moment and meditate on this...

Does not this gracious provision of Christ forecast the refreshment and satisfaction which will be ours when our toiling on the troublous sea of this world shall be ended, and we are safely landed on the Heavenly shore!

Arthur Pink

Prelude

Trumpet Voluntary

Purcell

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship

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. 53 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Lobe Den Herren

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for e'er we adore him.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading

Psalm 90 (pg. 816)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men."

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning--

though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.

We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

All our days pass away under your wrath;

we finish our years with a moan.

The length of our days is seventy years--or eighty, if we have the strength;

yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Relent, O LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us--

yes, establish the work of our hands.

*The Gloria Patri

(*Hymnal*, pg. 734)

*Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:6-10

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—

it is by grace[we] have been saved.

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

*Hymn No. 243 *Praise the Savior Now and Ever* Upp, Min Tunga

Praise the Savior now and ev'r, praise him, all beneath the skies;

Prostrate lying, suff'ring, dying on the cross, a sacrifice.

Vict'ry gaining, life obtaining, now in glory he doth rise.

Man's work faileth, Christ's availeth; he is all our righteousness;

He, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.

Through his merit we inherit light and peace and happiness.

Sin's bond severed, we're delivered; Christ has bruised the serpent's head;

Death no longer is the stronger; hell itself is captive led.

Christ has risen from death's prison; o'er the tomb he light has shed.

For his favor, praise forever unto God the Father sing;

Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.

Praise the Spirit, through Christ's merit he doth us salvation bring.

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. 731) and Prayer of Dedication

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

The Adult Choir

We hear God Speak

Text John 21:1-14 (Pew Bible, pg. 769)

Sermon "Workin' for a Livin'" Pastor Ceselsky

We respond to God's Grace

*Hymn No. 461 *Not What My Hands Have Done* Leominster

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,
Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save thine, no other blood will do;
No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
And with unfalt'ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.
His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb
Each thought of unbelief and fear, each ling'ring shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;
He calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.
'Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

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

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever!

Postlude *Trumpet Tune in D* Purcell

***Those who are able please stand.**

Today is Covenant College Sunday. Please be in prayer for the faculty, staff and students of our denomination's college.

Serving in our Nursery today: George and Janet Johnson. Next week, October 20: Jodi Leubecker and Sarah Soule.

The Nominating Committee will begin meeting soon. If you have any suggestions for the offices of Elder or Deacon, or for the Deaconess Board, please write down the name and give it to Elder Tim Bracken, who will be chairing the committee this year, or put it in his mailbox on the first floor.

The Youth and Children's Choir will meet today from 5:30-6:30 PM on the third floor.