

The Lord's Day

October 20, 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...

The doctrines of Christianity rest, not on the unstable foundation of mere wishful thinking or speculation, but on facts observed by and duly authenticated by eyewitnesses of Christ's testimony. **James Boice**

Prelude

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-5

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

*Hymn No. 94

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you. O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading

Psalm 119:89-112 (pg. 830)

Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures.

Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve you.

If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.

I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life.

Save me, for I am yours; I have sought out your precepts.

The wicked are waiting to destroy me, but I will ponder your statutes.

To all perfection I see a limit; but your commands are boundless.

Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.

Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me.

I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.

I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.

I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word.

I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.

I have suffered much; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

Accept, O LORD, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws.

Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law.

The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts.

Your statutes are my heritage forever, they are the joy of my heart.

My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

*The Gloria Patri

(Hymnal, pg. 735)

*Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:6-10

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another.

Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

And above all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom,

and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*Hymn No. 355

We are God's People

Symphony

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand;
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God out-poured;
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv'n;
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heav'n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone for on its own each member loses fire;
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

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

We hear God Speak

Text John 21:15-25 (Pew Bible, pg. 769)

Sermon "Getting Prepared" Pastor Ceselsky

We respond to God's Grace

*Hymn No. 565

All for Jesus

Wycliff

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'ers,
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform his bidding, let my feet run in his ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth his praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;
So enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

O what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call me his beloved, lets me rest beneath his wings.

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

Danish

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Postlude

*Those who are able please stand.

Serving in our Nursery today: Jodi Leubecker and Sarah Soule. Next week, October 27: Brandi and Meara Kuriny.

Financial Report through September 30, 2013

Contributions:	\$263,945
Expenses:	\$263,473
Surplus:	\$ 476

We thank you for your faithful giving and encourage you continue giving to the Glory of God.

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 Adult Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7:30 PM. New members are always welcome. If you can't make rehearsals, but would be able to sing on Sunday mornings after a quick run through of the music, please speak with Gloria.