

The Lord's Day

February 1, 2015

10:30 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. 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.

We prepare for worship

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

For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God! "The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he."

Deuteronomy 32:3, 4

Prelude

Piece de Clavecin

Rameau

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

We praise our great God

*The Call to Worship (responsive)

Isaiah 55:1-3a

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

Why spend money on what is not bread, and [our] labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me, hear me, that your soul may live.

*Hymn No. 48

O Lord Most High, with All My Heart

Rockingham Old

O Lord Most High, with all my heart your wondrous works I will proclaim;
I will be glad and give you thanks and sing the praises of your name.

The Lord, the everlasting King, is seated on his judgment throne;
The righteous Judge of all the world will make his perfect justice known.

Jehovah will a refuge prove, a refuge strong for all oppressed,
A safe retreat, where weary souls in troubled times may surely rest.

All they, O Lord, that know your name their confidence in you will place,
For you have ne'er forsaken them who earnestly have sought your face.

Sing praises to the Lord Most High, to him who does in Zion dwell;
Declare his mighty deeds abroad, his deeds among the nations tell.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 116

(*Hymnal*, pg. 827)

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, save me!"

The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

The LORD protects the simple hearted; when I was in great need, he saved me.

Be at rest once more, O my soul,

for the LORD has been good to you.

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,

that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

I believed; therefore I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

And in my dismay I said, "All men are liars."

How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?

I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant;

you have freed me from my chains.

I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the LORD—in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD.

Our Assurance of Grace

Jeremiah 9:23, 24 (ESV)

Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

*Our Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, pg. 845)

*Hymn No. 104

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Was Gott Tut

Whate'er my God ordains is right: his holy will abideth;
I will be still whate'er he doth, and follow where he guideth.
He is my God; though dark my road, he holds me that I shall not fall:
Wherefore to him I leave my all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: he never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path; I know he will not leave me.
I take, content, what he hath send; his hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait his day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup, in drinking,
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking.
My God is true; each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand by taken;
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there; he holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to him I leave it all.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 28:1-14 (ESV)

28 "Then bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the people of Israel, to serve me as priests—Aaron and Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. ² And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. ³ You shall speak to all the skillful, whom I have filled with a spirit of skill, that they make Aaron's garments to consecrate him for my priesthood. ⁴ These are the garments that they shall make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a coat of checker work, a turban, and a sash. They shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons to serve me as priests. ⁵ They shall receive gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen.

⁶ “And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and of fine twined linen, skillfully worked. ⁷ It shall have two shoulder pieces attached to its two edges, so that it may be joined together. ⁸ And the skillfully woven band on it shall be made like it and be of one piece with it, of gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen. ⁹ You shall take two onyx stones, and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰ six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the remaining six on the other stone, in the order of their birth. ¹¹ As a jeweler engraves signets, so shall you engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel. You shall enclose them in settings of gold filigree. ¹² And you shall set the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as stones of remembrance for the sons of Israel. And Aaron shall bear their names before the Lord on his two shoulders for remembrance. ¹³ You shall make settings of gold filigree, ¹⁴ and two chains of pure gold, twisted like cords; and you shall attach the corded chains to the settings.

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

The Offertory

Jubilate Deo

Althouse
The Adult Choir

Jubilate Deo! Sing and Rejoice!

Musical Interlude: Children grades 1-4 may recess for Children’s Church through the side door or may remain with their families.

We hear God speak in Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

Romans 9:14-18

(Pew Bible pg. 801)

¹⁴ What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God’s part? By no means! ¹⁵ For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” ¹⁶ So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. ¹⁷ For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” ¹⁸ So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills. (ESV)

Sermon

“Is God Unjust?”

Pastor Bell

Hymn No. 425

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Hodges

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

The Lord’s Supper

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 648 (vv. 1, 2)

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Caritas

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

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

Fantasia

Danish
Telemann

*Those who are able, please stand.

Serving in our Nursery today: Betty Werner and Maria Cicone; next week, February 8th: Wendy Wickham and Beryl Wickham.

A Congregational Meeting is hereby called for Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 7:15 PM at the church. The purpose of this meeting is to review the annual reports, elect elders and deacons, approve new deaconesses, approve a change in the pastor's financial package, and elect a Nominating Committee for 2015. The following will be presented for election for Ruling Elder: Tom Ley; for Deacon: Dave Newman; and for approval as Deaconess: Diane Eisenmeier, Fran Oswinkle and Nancy Pearre.

Ruth Ellen Beerli, after working 43 years as a teacher, retired on January 31st. A party to celebrate this milestone is being held on Saturday, February 14th from 1:30-5:30 PM at the home of Eric and Marlies Cabell, 513 Barksdale Road, Joppa, MD 21085. Please respond if you will be attending to Marliescabell@gmail.com.

Financial Report for 2014

Contributions:	\$351,906.42	(\$23,638.46 below budget)
Expenses:	\$364,365.53	(\$11,169.35 below budget)
Shortfall:		(\$12,469.11)

Our income was much greater during November and December, while our expenses were lower, primarily from not having a secretary. There was also about \$2,000 in savings from other items under budget. The shortfall was covered out of our savings.

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY	10:30 AM Worship service Children's Church (grades 1-4) 5:00 PM No Communicant's Class today 6:30 PM No RockHouse tonight
TUESDAY	10:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study (at the church) 7:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study (at the Owen's) 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study (at the Willis')
WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM Congregational Dinner 7:15 PM Annual Congregational Meeting No RockHouse Bible Study tonight
THURSDAY	7:30 PM Adult Choir (3 rd floor)
SUNDAY	8:30 AM Prayer Time in the balcony 9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages 10:30 AM Worship service Coffee Hour hosted by Impact

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