

The Lord's Day

March 15, 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...

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." **Isaiah 52:7***

Prelude

Blue Green Hills of Earth

arr. Strommen
Angelo Cicone, soloist

For the earth forever turning, for the skies for ev'ry sea; to our Lord we sing returning home to our blue green hills of earth. For the mountains, hills and pastures in this silent majesty; for all life, for all of nature sing we our joyful praise to Thee... For the sun, for rain and thunder, for the season's harmony, for the stars, for all the heavens sing we our joyful praise to Thee.

We praise our great God

*The Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 89: 1, 2, 5, 6a (ESV)

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD forever: with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?

*Hymn No. 347 (vv. 1-4)

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

The church's One foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 19

(Hymnal, pg. 790)

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.

Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgressions.

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Our Assurance of Grace (unison)

Psalm 5:11, 12 (ESV)

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

*Our Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 155

How is the Word made effectual to salvation? **The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of enlightening,¹ convincing, and humbling sinners;² of driving them out of themselves, and drawing them into Christ;³ of conforming them to His image,⁴ and subduing them to His will;⁵ of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions;⁶ of building them up in grace,⁷ and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.⁸**

¹ Neh. 8:8; Acts 26:18; Ps. 19:8 ² 1 Cor. 14:24, 25; 2 Chron. 34:18, 19, 26-28

³ Acts 2:37, 41; 8:27-39 ⁴ 2 Cor. 3:18 ⁵ 2 Cor. 10:4-6; Rom. 6:17

⁶ Matt. 4:4, 7, 10; Eph. 6:16, 17; Ps. 19:11; 1 Cor. 10:11 ⁷ Acts 20:32; 2 Tim. 3:15-17

⁸ Rom. 16:25; 1 Thes. 3:2, 10, 11, 13; Rom. 15:4; 10:13-17; 1:16

*Hymn No. 251

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

St. Christopher

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me:
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess,
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross they shadow for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;

My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 30:1-16 (ESV)

30 “You shall make an altar on which to burn incense; you shall make it of acacia wood. ² A cubit shall be its length, and a cubit its breadth. It shall be square, and two cubits shall be its height. Its horns shall be of one piece with it. ³ You shall overlay it with pure gold, its top and around its sides and its horns. And you shall make a molding of gold around it. ⁴ And you shall make two golden rings for it. Under its molding on two opposite sides of it you shall make them, and they shall be holders for poles with which to carry it. ⁵ You shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. ⁶ And you shall put it in front of the veil that is above the ark of the testimony, in front of the mercy seat that is above the testimony, where I will meet with you. ⁷ And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it. Every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it, ⁸ and when Aaron sets up the lamps at twilight, he shall burn it, a regular incense offering before the LORD throughout your generations. ⁹ You shall not offer unauthorized incense on it, or a burnt offering, or a grain offering, and you shall not pour a drink offering on it. ¹⁰ Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once a year. With the blood of the sin offering of atonement he shall make atonement for it once in the year throughout your generations. It is most holy to the LORD.”

¹¹ The LORD said to Moses, ¹² “When you take the census of the people of Israel, then each shall give a ransom for his life to the LORD when you number them, that there be no plague among them when you number them. ¹³ Each one who is numbered in the census shall give this: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is twenty gerahs), half a shekel as an offering to the LORD. ¹⁴ Everyone who is numbered in the census, from twenty years old and upward, shall give the LORD’s offering. ¹⁵ The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than the half shekel, when you give the LORD’s offering to make atonement for your lives. ¹⁶ You shall take the atonement money from the people of Israel and shall give it for the service of the tent of meeting, that it may bring the people of Israel to remembrance before the LORD, so as to make atonement for your lives.”

Children’s Church Graduates

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

God’s Gonna Set This World on Fire

arr. Hagan

God’s gonna set dis worl on fiyer one of these days, Hallelujah. I’m gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, Hallelujah! I’m gonna eat and never get hungry one of these days. I’m gonna drink and never get thirsty one of these days. God’s gonna set dis worl on fiyer one of these days.

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

Scripture Reading

Romans 10:14-21

(Pew Bible pg. 802)

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

¹⁸ But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for

“Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.”

¹⁹ But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says,

“I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation;
with a foolish nation I will make you angry.”

²⁰ Then Isaiah is so bold as to say,

“I have been found by those who did not seek me;
I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.”

²¹ But of Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

Sermon

“How Will They Hear?”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

*Hymn No. 478

I Love to Tell the Story

Fischer

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story; for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story, that I have loves so long.

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

Postlude

Trumpet Fanfare

Danish
De Jeune

*Those who are able, please stand.

Serving in our Nursery today: Lydia Komenda and Gina Cicone; next week, March 22nd: Christine Clark and Julianna Clark.

Our thanks to Angela St. Pierre and Scott Thompson for joining us in our choir today.

Alan Henningsen wishes to express his love to Nanci and give glory to God as they celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on March 17th.

We welcome our newest Children's Church graduates this morning: Jackson Clark, Lucas Hague and Celia Kuriny.

Keep Lisa Baker in your prayers this week. She will have surgery on Thursday, March 17th for a recurrence of melanoma

If you would like to dedicate flowers for our Easter services, tulips are available this year for \$8.50 per pot. We have a March 23rd deadline so please sign up in the book on the narthex table and put your money in a pink pew envelope marked "Easter flowers".

An opportunity for service. Volunteers are needed to set up for the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. If you would like to help, please sign up on the narthex table. Elder Alan Henningsen will contact you, provide the details, and arrange any directions needed.

Join us on Wednesday nights for a Soup and Salad supper at 6:30 and a worship service at 7:15. We are looking at what the Bible has to say about heaven. Sign up on the kitchen door if you will be bringing soup.

Financial Report for January 2015

Contributions:	\$28,087.00	(\$600.00 below budget)
Expenses:	\$35,706.00	(\$6949.00 above budget)
Shortfall:	(\$7,619.00)	

As usual each year, our January expenses are high due to making semi-annual payments for insurances and maintenance contracts. Please remember your commitments to our church during these cold and unpredictable winter months. Our expenses continue even when services are canceled because of weather. Please note below our financial team for this year.

Stewardship Chairman: Tom Ley
Church Treasurer: Ron Leubecker
Church Bookkeeper: Diane Eisenmeier
Stewardship Secretary, Nanci Henningsen
Benevolence Treasurer: Ralph Clark

Please submit any requests for expense reimbursement to Diane (she has a mailbox on the first floor). If you have questions about our finances you can address them to Tom Ley.

Don't forget our prayer shawl ministry! Anyone is welcome to make one. The recommended size is 60" x 30". We meet on the 4th Sunday of each month (March 22nd) immediately after worship. If you have questions, please speak to Janet Johnson or Judy Greenwell.

Here is more information regarding the Maundy Thursday service at LRPC. The service will begin at 7:00 PM and conclude at approximately 7:45. There will be a 15 minute break for a time of refreshments and fellowship, and then the LR Men's Group will present a play entitled "Living Last Supper" by Ernest K. Emurian. The play will begin at 8:00 PM and last for about an hour.

The Festival of the Arts will be held on Saturday, April 25th. If you would like to perform in this event, please contact Gloria Hague. If you would like to exhibit a work of art, please contact Gwen Cicone. The schedule of events is posted on our website.

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY	10:30 AM	Worship service
		Children's Church (grades 1-4)
	6:30 PM	RockHouse (grades 7-12)
TUESDAY	10:30 AM	Ladies' Bible Study (at the church)
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study (at the Willis')
WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM	Soup and Salad Supper
	7:15 PM	Service in Rm. 11
THURSDAY	7:30 PM	Adult Choir (3rd floor)
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Prayer Time in the balcony
	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages

Coming Soon

April 2nd at 7 PM - Maundy Thursday Service at Loch Raven PCA

April 3rd at 7 PM – Good Friday Service at Aisquith
April 11th at 9 AM – WIC Testimony breakfast with Carol Gordy
Eubert
Saturday, April 25th – Festival of the Arts at Aisquith
Saturday, June 27th – Impact Yard Sale

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