

The Lord's Day

March 22, 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...

We are naturally blind; and the word cannot penetrate our minds unless the Spirit, that eternal Teacher, by His enlightening power, make an entrance for it.

John Calvin

Prelude

Come My Way, My Truth, My Life

Vaughan Williams

Scott Thomsen, Baritone

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

We praise our great God

*The Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 57:9-11 (ESV)

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth.

*Hymn No. 2

O Worship the King

Lyons

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 69:1-18

(Hymnal, pg. 809)

Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.

I sink in the miry depths, where there is no foothold.

I have come into the deep waters; the floods engulf me.

I am worn out calling for help; my throat is parched.

My eyes fail, looking for my God.

Those who hate me without reason outnumber the hairs of my head;

many are my enemies without cause, those who seek to destroy me.

I am forced to restore what I did not steal.

You know my folly, O God; my guilt is not hidden from you.

May those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me, O Lord, the LORD Almighty;

may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me, O God of Israel.

For I endure scorn for your sake, and shame covers my face.

I am a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons;

for zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.

When I weep and fast, I must endure scorn; when I put on sackcloth, people make sport of me.

Those who sit at the gate mock me, and I am the son of the drunkards.

But I pray to you, O LORD, in the time of your favor;

in your great love, O God, answer me with your sure salvation.

Rescue me from the mire, do not let me sink;

deliver me from those who hate me, from the deep waters.

Do not let the floodwaters engulf me or the depths swallow me up or the pit close its mouth over me.

Answer me, O LORD, out of the goodness of your love; in your great mercy turn to me.

Do not hide your face from your servant; answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.

Come near and rescue me; redeem me because of my foes.

Our Assurance of Grace (unison)

verses for 2015: 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 Confession of Faith, X.1

All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, He is pleased, in His appointed time, effectually to call,¹ by His Word and Spirit,² out of that state of sin and death, in which they are by nature to grace and salvation, by Jesus Christ;³ enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the things of God,⁴ taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them an heart of flesh;⁵ renewing their wills, and, by His almighty power, determining them to that which is good,⁶ and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ:⁷ yet so, as they come most freely, being made willing by His grace.⁸

¹ Rom. 8:30; 11:7; Eph. 1:10, 11 ² 2 Thes. 2:13, 14; 2 Cor. 3:3, 6

³ Rom. 8:2; Eph. 2:1-5; 2 Tim. 1:9, 10 ⁴ Acts 26:18; 1 Cor. 2:10, 12; Eph. 1:17, 18

⁵ Ezek. 11:19; Phil. 2:13; Deut. 30:6; Ezek. 36:27 ⁷ Eph. 1:19; Jn 6:44, 45

⁸ Songs 1:4; Ps. 110:3; Jn 6:37; Rom. 6:16-18

*Hymn No. 308

Jesus Paid it All

Grape

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."

***Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.***

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,

Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim—
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 30:17-38 (ESV)

The Bronze Basin

¹⁷ The LORD said to Moses, ¹⁸ "You shall also make a basin of bronze, with its stand of bronze, for washing. You shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it, ¹⁹ with which Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet. ²⁰ When they go into the tent of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn a food offering to the LORD, they shall wash with water, so that they may not die. ²¹ They shall wash their hands and their feet, so that they may not die. It shall be a statute forever to them, even to him and to his offspring throughout their generations."

The Anointing Oil and Incense

²² The LORD said to Moses, ²³ "Take the finest spices: of liquid myrrh 500 shekels, and of sweet-smelling cinnamon half as much, that is, 250, and 250 of aromatic cane, ²⁴ and 500 of cassia, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil. ²⁵ And you shall make of these a sacred anointing oil blended as by the perfumer; it shall be a holy anointing oil. ²⁶ With it you shall anoint the tent of meeting and the ark of the testimony, ²⁷ and the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense, ²⁸ and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils and the basin and its stand. ²⁹ You shall consecrate them, that they may be most holy. Whatever touches them will become holy. ³⁰ You shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may serve me as priests. ³¹ And you shall say to the people of Israel, "This shall be my holy anointing oil throughout your generations. ³² It shall not be poured on the body of an ordinary person, and you shall make no other like it in composition. It is holy, and it shall be holy to you. ³³ Whoever compounds any like it or whoever puts any of it on an outsider shall be cut off from his people."

³⁴ The LORD said to Moses, "Take sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum, sweet spices with pure frankincense (of each shall there be an equal part), ³⁵ and make an incense blended as by the perfumer, seasoned with salt, pure and holy. ³⁶ You shall beat some of it very small, and put part of it before the testimony in the tent of meeting where I shall meet with you. It shall be most holy for you. ³⁷ And the incense that you shall make according to its composition, you shall not make for yourselves. It shall be for you holy to the LORD. ³⁸ Whoever makes any like it to use as perfume shall be cut off from his people."

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

O LORD, Who Dares to Smite Thee?

J.S. Bach

O LORD, who dares to smite Thee, As sinful to indict Thee, Deride and mock Thee so, Thou dost not need confession, Who knowest not transgression, As we and all our children know. The sorrows Thou art bearing, with none their burden sharing, On me they ought to fall. The torture Thou art feeling, Thy patient love revealing, 'tis I that should endure it all.

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 11:1-10

(Pew Bible pg. 802)

11 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? ³ “Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life.” ⁴ But what is God’s reply to him? “I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” ⁵ So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. ⁶ But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

⁷ What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, ⁸ as it is written,

“God gave them a spirit of stupor,
eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear,
down to this very day.”

⁹ And David says,

“Let their table become a snare and a trap,
a stumbling block and a retribution for them;
¹⁰ let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see,
and bend their backs forever.”

Sermon

“The Remnant”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 473

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

Crüger

“Jesus sinners doth receive”: word of surest consolation;
Word of sorrow to relieve, word of pardon, peace, salvation!
Naught like this can comfort give: “Jesus sinners doth receive.”

On God’s grace we have no claim, yet to us his pledge is given;
He hath sworn by his own name, open are the gates of heaven.
Take to heart this word and live: “Jesus sinners doth receive.”

When a helpless lamb doth stray, after it, the Shepherd, pressing
Thro’ each dark and dang’rous way, brings it back, his own possessing.
Jesus seeks thee, O believe: “Jesus sinners doth receive.”

Oh, how blest it is to know: were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow by thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe: “Jesus sinners doth receive.”

Now my conscience is at peace, from the Law I stand acquitted;
Christ hath purchased my release and my every sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve—“Jesus sinners doth receive.”

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

Danish

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

arr. Swann

*Those who are able, please stand.

Serving in our Nursery today: Christine Clark and Julianna Clark; next week, March 29th: Janet & George Johnson.

If you would like to dedicate flowers for our Easter services, tulips are available this year for \$8.50 per pot. TODAY is the 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 night for our last 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.

We will not be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Easter Sunday as we would normally do on the first Sunday of the month. Instead we have moved it to Sunday, April 12th.

Financial Report for January 2015

Contributions:	\$43,400.00
Expenses:	\$57,100.00
Shortfall:	(\$13,700.00)

To meet our budgeted expenses for 2015, we need to receive an average of around \$6,600 each Sunday. Through February, we held services on 7 out of 8 Sundays, and averaged \$6,200 each Sunday, missing February 22 because of snow. It was an encouragement to receive much larger than average offerings the first two weeks in March. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving. 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.

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.

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY	10:30 AM	Worship service Children's Church (grades 1-4) Prayer Shawl Ministry (library)
	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')
	7:00 PM	Ladies' Bible Study (at the Owen's)
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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Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music **Mobile: 443-467-0146**

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.

Festival of the Arts
Saturday, April 25th
Schedule of events:

- 10:00 AM - Opening of Arts Festival, view art exhibits in Room 11.
- 11:00 AM - International Bird Photographer and author, Middleton Evans will show slides of his photography from around the world in Room 11. Middleton is from Baltimore.
- 12:15 PM - Art Lunch: “Still Life and Menu” Place reservation by email to glhmusicstudio@hotmail.com with the number of attendees. Suggested donation of \$5, please pay at the door.
- 1:00 PM - Homeschool Choir, Wendy Wickham, Director. Sanctuary
- 2:00 PM - Crafts for elementary and middle-school children and Youth. Jodi Leubecker, coordinator, in the Library.
- 2:15 PM - Guided Art Tour: “For the Beauty of the Earth, the Hudson River Valley School” - Gwen Cicone, artist, in Room 11.
- 3:15 PM - Nostalgic Folk Music: Peter, Paul and Mary and the Oswinkles in Room 11.
- 3:30 PM - Music Recital in Room 11.
- 4:15 PM - Recital in the Sanctuary.
- 5:30 PM - Pizza available for purchase to support IMPACT
- 6:00 PM - Artful comedy: Improv in Room 11.
- 7:00 PM - Maryland State Boychoir , Young Men’s Chorus in the Sanctuary. An offering will be taken for the Boychoir.