

The Lord's Day

March 29, 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...

Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey...

Zechariah 9:9

Prelude

Hosanna

Gregor

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

Angelo Cicone & Lucas Hague, soloists

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

We praise our great God

Introit

Hosanna in the Highest

Hopson

Handbells

*The Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 24:7-10 (ESV)

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

*Hymn No. 235

All Glory, Laud and Honor

St. Theodulph

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present;
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 118

(*Hymnal*, pg. 828)

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Let Israel say, "His love endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say, "His love endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say: "His love endures forever."

In my anguish I cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting me free.

The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

The LORD is with me; he is my helper.

I will look in triumph on my enemies.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the LORD I cut them off.

They surrounded me n every side, but in the name of the LORD I cut them off.

They swarmed around me like bees, but they died out as quickly as burning thorns;

In the name of the LORD I cut them off.

I was pushed back and about to fall, but the LORD helped me.

The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

"The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

"The LORD's right hand is lifted high;

"The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Our Assurance of Grace (responsive)

Isaiah 40:9-11 (ESV)

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, heard of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

*Our Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 45

How doth Christ execute the office of a king? **Christ executeth the office of a king, in calling out of the world a people to Himself,¹ and giving them officers,² laws,³ and censures, by which He visibly governs them;⁴ in bestowing saving grace upon His elect,⁵ rewarding their obedience,⁶ and correcting them for their sins,⁷ preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings,⁸ restraining and overcoming all their enemies,⁹ and powerfully ordering all things for His own glory,¹⁰ and their good;¹¹ and also in taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and obey not the gospel.¹²**

¹ Acts 15:14-16; Isa. 55:4, 5; Gen. 49:10; Ps. 110:3 ² Eph. 4:11, 12; 1 Cor. 12:28

³ Isa. 33:22 ⁴ Matt. 18:17, 18; 1 Cor. 5:4, 5 ⁵ Acts 5:31 ⁶ Rev. 22:12; 2:10

⁷ Rev. 3:19 ⁸ Isa. 63:9 ⁹ 1 Cor. 15:25; Ps. 110:1, 2 ¹⁰ Rom. 14:10, 11

¹¹ Rom. 8:28 ¹² 2 Thes. 1:8, 9; Ps. 2:8, 9

*Hymn No. 311

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Aurelia

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;
Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blessed;
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever-that name to us is Love.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 31 (ESV)

31 The LORD said to Moses, ² "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, ³ and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, ⁴ to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, ⁵ in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft. ⁶ And behold, I have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. And I have given to all able men ability, that they may make all that I have commanded you: ⁷ the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is on it, and all the furnishings of the tent, ⁸ the table and its utensils, and the pure lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, ⁹ and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin and its stand, ¹⁰ and the finely worked garments, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, for their service as priests, ¹¹ and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense for the Holy Place. According to all that I have commanded you, they shall do."

The Sabbath

¹² And the LORD said to Moses, ¹³ "You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout

your generations, that you may know that I, the LORD, sanctify you. ¹⁴ You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you. Everyone who profanes it shall be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. ¹⁵ Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death. ¹⁶ Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever. ¹⁷ It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and son the seventh day he rested and was refreshed."

¹⁸ And he gave to Moses, when he had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

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

Shout the Glad Tidings

Handel

Shout the glad tidings, O sing to the Lord; For He hath done marvelous things. Mighty are His works, wonderful His deeds; His pow'r and love forever are sure. The Lord is King, King of all; He rules in might. Sing for joy; His pow'r and love are ever sure. Trumpets sound forth; Sound forth His praise, for our vict'ry is won. Sing, O Israel sing. The Lord is faithful; Let all give praise. The roar of the sea, all creatures therein, sound forth, Your joy. God is the Lord, King over all, See his marvelous works; See His wonderful deeds. His pow'r and love forever are sure.

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

John 12:9-19

(Pew Bible pg. 761)

The Plot to Kill Lazarus

⁹ When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹ because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The Triumphal Entry

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion;
 behold, your king is coming,
 sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Sermon

"The King is coming! Spread the word!"

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

*Hymn No. 198 (vv. 1-4)
 Truro

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;
 The King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

A helper just he comes to thee, his chariot is humility,
 His kingly crown is holiness, his scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
 O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
 From earthly use for heav'n's employ, adorned with prayer and love and

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

Postlude

Recessional

Danish
 Goltermann

 *Those who are able, please stand.

Serving in our Nursery today: Janet & George Johnson; next week, April 5th: Betty Werner and Dina Sunderland.

Our congratulations to Eric & Marlies Cabell on the birth of their son, Gregory Michael on Thursday, March 26th. Gregory was 9 lbs and 6 oz. Everyone is doing fine.

Here is NEW information regarding the Maundy Thursday service at LRPC. At 7 PM the LR Men's Group will present a play entitled "Living Last Supper" by Ernest K. Emurian. When the play is over, there will be a brief intermission before the worship service begins. The service will conclude at about 8:30 PM.

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

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.

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.

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.

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	7:00 PM Prayer time (Pastor's study) 7:00 PM RockHouse Bible study (John's office)
THURSDAY	7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service (LRPC)
FRIDAY	7:00 PM Good Friday Service (APC)
SUNDAY	6:30 AM Sunrise Service (Beachmont) 8:30 AM Prayer Time in the balcony 9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

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April 11th at 9 AM - Testimony breakfast with Carol Gordy Eubert
April 25th - Festival of the Arts at Aisquith
June 27th - Impact Yard Sale

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.

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