

The Lord's Day

April 19, 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...

*But when the Jews saw the crowds [who had gathered to hear the word of the Lord], they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles." **Acts 13:44-46***

Prelude

Air

Handel

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

We praise our great God

*The Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 67:3-5 (ESV)

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

*Hymn No. 172

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

All Saints Old

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
He has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who brought us, pitied us when enemies,
Called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown:
He who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder, grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy Lamb of God!"

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 52

(*Hymnal*, pg. 804)

Why do you boast of evil, you mighty man? Why do you boast all day long, you who are a disgrace in the eyes of God?

Your tongue plots destruction; it is like a sharpened razor, you who practice deceit.

You love evil rather than good, falsehood rather than speaking the truth.

You love every harmful word, O you deceitful tongue!

Surely God will bring you down to everlasting ruin.

He will snatch you up and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living.

The righteous will see and fear; they will laugh at him, saying,

“Here now is the man who did not make God his stronghold but trusted in his great wealth and grew strong by destroying others!”

But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God;

I trust in God’s unfailing love for ever and ever.

I will praise you forever for what you have done; in your name I will hope, for your name is good.

I will praise you in the presence of your saints.

**The Gloria Patri*

(Hymnal, pg. 734)

*Our Confession of Faith (unison)

Second Helvetic Confession (1566)

Seeing that there is always but “one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Tim. 2:5); also, one shepherd of the whole flock, one Head of this body, and, to conclude, one Spirit, one salvation, one faith, one covenant, -- it follows necessarily that there is but one Church...spread abroad through all the parts and quarters of the world, and reaches unto all times, and is not limited within the compass either of time or place. (XVII.2)

*Hymn No. 646

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Quebec

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;
To them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the fountain-head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 32:15-35 (ESV)

¹⁵Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets that were written on both sides; on the front and on the back they were written. ¹⁶The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. ¹⁷When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is a noise of war in the camp.” ¹⁸But he said, “It is not the sound of shouting for victory, or the sound of the cry of defeat, but the sound of singing that I hear.” ¹⁹And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses’ anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰He took the calf that they had made and burned it with fire and ground it to powder and scattered it on the water and made the people of Israel drink it.

²¹And Moses said to Aaron, “What did this people do to you that you have brought such a great sin upon them?” ²²And Aaron said, “Let not the anger of my lord burn hot. You know the people, that they are set on evil. ²³For they said to me, ‘Make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ ²⁴So I said to them, ‘Let any who have gold take it off.’ So they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf.”

²⁵And when Moses saw that the people had broken loose (for Aaron had let them break loose, to the derision of their enemies), ²⁶then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, “Who is on the LORD’s side? Come to me.” And all the sons of Levi gathered around him. ²⁷And he said to them, “Thus says the LORD God of Israel, ‘Put your sword on your side each of you, and go to and fro from gate to gate throughout the camp, and each of you kill his brother and his companion and his neighbor.’” ²⁸And the

sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And that day about three thousand men of the people fell. ²⁹ And Moses said, “Today you have been ordained for the service of the LORD, each one at the cost of his son and of his brother, so that he might bestow a blessing upon you this day.”

³⁰ The next day Moses said to the people, “You have sinned a great sin. And now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.” ³¹ So Moses returned to the LORD and said, “Alas, this people has sinned a great sin. They have made for themselves gods of gold. ³² But now, if you will forgive their sin—but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written.” ³³ But the LORD said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me, I will blot out of my book. ³⁴ But now go, lead the people to the place about which I have spoken to you; behold, my angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them.”

³⁵ Then the LORD sent a plague on the people, because they made the calf, the one that Aaron made.
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

Have Mercy, O Lord

Arcadelt

The Adult Choir

Have mercy, O Lord, by your steadfast love remove all my sins; in your mercy, hear me. Against you, you alone, against you have I sinned, O Lord. May truth be in my heart, may wisdom guide my being. Restore the joy. Your salvation now send; then will I sing, then will I sing your glory. O hear my prayer; Lord, in your mercy, hear us. Amen.

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 11:11-24

(Pew Bible pg. 803)

¹¹ So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. ¹² Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

¹⁶ If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, ¹⁸ do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. ¹⁹ Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” ²⁰ That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. ²² Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God’s kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. ²³ And given they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. ²⁴ For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

Sermon

“Spiritual Jealousy”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 561

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Canonbury

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone;
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things you do impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'er flow
In kindling thought and glowing word your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will and when and where;
Until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

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

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Danish
Stanley

*Those who are able, please stand.

Serving in our Nursery today: Shannon Bell and Maria Cicone; next week, April 26th: Eileen Ley and Maria Forman.

The Deacons encourage you to join them on Saturday, May 2nd (rain date the 9th) from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, for a work day here at the church. We ask that you let us know if you are coming so that we can better plan what projects can be accomplished. Please speak to Andrew Bell if you can participate.

THIS WEEK AT AISQUITH

TODAY	10:30 AM	Worship service Children's Church (grades 1-4) No RockHouse tonight!
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	7:30 PM	Adult Choir (3rd floor)
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Prayer Time in the balcony
	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	10:30 AM	Worship
	12:00 PM	Prayer Shawl ministry (library)

COMING SOON

April 25th – Festival of the Arts (see insert)
May 2nd – Clean up Day (8:30 AM to 12 noon)
May 7th – National Day of Prayer at Beachmont Camp (11 AM)
June 14th – Potluck Dinner with Larry & Sandy Rockwell (MTW Peru)
June 27th – Impact Yard Sale (see insert)
July 11th – Church picnic at Loch Raven PC (time will be announced)
July 18th – 25th – Impact Mission's Trip to Cherokee, NC

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Festival of the Arts

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 below and is also posted on our website.

- 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 - Home school 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 - *The WABAC Consort* in Room 11.
- 4:15 PM - Flute Choir Concert 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.

LUNCHEON SIGN UP --\$5.00 donation per person requested.

Please use the tear-off below to sign up for the luncheon so that appropriate preparations can be made; pay the day of the festival. Your choice: salmon or chicken on a bed of greens with salad sides, rolls, dessert, and drinks.

You *must* make a reservation!

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Arts Festival Luncheon Sign Up:

Name(s) _____

Number of salmon entrees

Number of chicken entrees