

The Lord's Day

May 31, 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.*

We prepare for worship

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

*By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly.
Proverbs 8:15, 16*

Prelude

Miss Katie Ostrosky, piano

We praise our great God

*The Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 95:1-3, 6, 7 (ESV)

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*Hymn No. 64

God, the Lord, a King Remaineth

Regent Square

God, the Lord, a King remaineth, robed in his own glorious light;
God hath robed him and he reigneth; he hath girded him with might.
Alleluia! Alleluia! God is King in depth and height.

In her everlasting station earth is poised, to swerve no more:
Thou hast laid thy throne's foundation from all time where thought can soar.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord, thou art forevermore.

Lord, the water-floods have lifted, ocean floods have lift their roar;
Now they pause where they have drifted, now they burst upon the shore.
Alleluia! Alleluia! For the ocean's sounding store.

With all tones of waters blending, glorious is the breaking deep;
Glorious, beauteous without ending, God who reigns on heav'ns high steep.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Songs of ocean never sleep.

Lord the words thy lips are telling are the perfect verity;
Of thine high eternal dwelling holiness shall inmate be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Pure is all that lives with thee.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 33

(Hymnal, pg. 796)

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

The LORD loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of his unfailing love.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.

For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded and it stood firm.

The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever. The purposes of his heart through all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.

From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind;

from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—

he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.

A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.

But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

We wait in hope for the LORD;

he is our help and our shield.

In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

Assurance of Pardon (*responsive*)

1 Peter 2:13-17 (ESV)

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

For this is the will of God, that by doing good [we] should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

*Our Confession of Faith (*unison*)

Westminster Confession of Faith, XXIII.1

God, the supreme Lord and King of all the world, hath ordained civil magistrates, to be, under Him, over the people, for His own glory, and the public good; and, to this end, hath armed them with the power of the sword, for the defense and encouragement of them that are good, and for the punishment of evil doers.¹

¹ Rom. 13:1-4; 1 Pe. 2:13, 14

*Hymn No. 369

Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

Truro

Shout for the blessed Jesus reigns; through distant lands his triumphs spread;
And sinners, freed from endless pains, own him their Savior and their Head.

He calls his chosen from afar, they all at Zion's gates arrive;
Those who were dead in sin before by sovereign grace are made alive.

Gentiles and Jews his laws obey; nations remote their off'rings bring,
And unconstrained their homage pay to their exalted God and King.

O may his holy church increase, his Word and Spirit still prevail,
While angels celebrate his praise, and saints his growing glories hail.

Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb, from all below, and all above!
In lofty songs exalt his name, in songs as lasting as his love.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 36:8-37:9 (ESV)

⁸ And all the craftsmen among the workmen made the tabernacle with ten curtains. They were made of fine twined linen and blue and purple and scarlet yarns, with cherubim

skillfully worked. ⁹ The length of each curtain was twenty-eight cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits. All the curtains were the same size.

¹⁰ He coupled five curtains to one another, and the other five curtains he coupled to one another. ¹¹ He made loops of blue on the edge of the outermost curtain of the first set. Likewise he made them on the edge of the outermost curtain of the second set. ¹² He made fifty loops on the one curtain, and he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that was in the second set. The loops were opposite one another. ¹³ And he made fifty clasps of gold, and coupled the curtains one to the other with clasps. So the tabernacle was a single whole.

¹⁴ He also made curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle. He made eleven curtains. ¹⁵ The length of each curtain was thirty cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits. The eleven curtains were the same size. ¹⁶ He coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves. ¹⁷ And he made fifty loops on the edge of the outermost curtain of the one set, and fifty loops on the edge of the other connecting curtain. ¹⁸ And he made fifty clasps of bronze to couple the tent together that it might be a single whole. ¹⁹ And he made for the tent a covering of tanned rams' skins and goatskins.

²⁰ Then he made the upright frames for the tabernacle of acacia wood. ²¹ Ten cubits was the length of a frame, and a cubit and a half the breadth of each frame. ²² Each frame had two tenons for fitting together. He did this for all the frames of the tabernacle. ²³ The frames for the tabernacle he made thus: twenty frames for the south side. ²⁴ And he made forty bases of silver under the twenty frames, two bases under one frame for its two tenons, and two bases under the next frame for its two tenons. ²⁵ For the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, he made twenty frames ²⁶ and their forty bases of silver, two bases under one frame and two bases under the next frame. ²⁷ For the rear of the tabernacle westward he made six frames. ²⁸ He made two frames for corners of the tabernacle in the rear. ²⁹ And they were separate beneath but joined at the top, at the first ring. He made two of them this way for the two corners. ³⁰ There were eight frames with their bases of silver: sixteen bases, under every frame two bases.

³¹ He made bars of acacia wood, five for the frames of the one side of the tabernacle, ³² and five bars for the frames of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the frames of the tabernacle at the rear westward. ³³ And he made the middle bar to run from end to end halfway up the frames. ³⁴ And he overlaid the frames with gold, and made their rings of gold for holders for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

³⁵ He made the veil of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen; with cherubim skillfully worked into it he made it. ³⁶ And for it he made four pillars of acacia and overlaid them with gold. Their hooks were of gold, and he cast for them four bases of silver. ³⁷ He also made a screen for the entrance of the tent, of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, embroidered with needlework, ³⁸ and its five pillars with their hooks. He overlaid their capitals, and their fillets were of gold, but their five bases were of bronze.

37 Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood. Two cubits and a half was its length, a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. ² And he overlaid it with pure gold inside and outside, and made a molding of gold around it. ³ And he cast for it four rings of gold for its four feet, two rings on its one side and two rings on its other side. ⁴ And he made poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold ⁵ and put the

poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry the ark. ⁶ And he made a mercy seat of pure gold. Two cubits and a half was its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth. ⁷ And he made two cherubim of gold. He made them of hammered work on the two ends of the mercy seat, ⁸ one cherub on the one end, and one cherub on the other end. Of one piece with the mercy seat he made the cherubim on its two ends. ⁹ The cherubim spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, with their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat were the faces of the cherubim.

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 so Loved the World

Stainer
The Adult Choir

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 13:1-7

(Pew Bible pg. 804)

13 *Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.*

Sermon

"Our Civic Duties"

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

*Hymn No. 712

O God of Love, O King of Peace

Quebec

O God of love, O King of peace, make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of sinful man restrain; give peace, O God, give peace again.

Remember, Lord, your works of old, the wonders that our fathers told;
Remember not our sin's dark stain; give peace, O God, give peace again.

Whom shall we trust but you, O Lord? Where rest but on your faithful Word?
None ever called on you in vain; give peace, O God, give peace again.

Where saints and angels dwell above all hearts are knit in holy love;
O bind us in that heav'nly chain; give peace, O God, give peace again.

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

Danish

***Those who are able, please stand.**

Serving in our Nursery today: Sarah Soule and Gina Cicone; next week, June 7th: Betty Werner and Madison Kuriny.

We welcome Katie Ostrosky as our accompanist today. Katie is a grad student at Towson University.

Our congratulations to even more 2015 graduates: David Adamsen and Lauren Adamsen both graduated from UMBC and Laura Newman received her Master degree from Johns Hopkins.

Those participating in the Summit Ministries program are now fully funded. Thanks for your generous support. Pray for them as they go.

Please join us at 9:00 AM Sunday mornings in room 11 as we continue our study of the Life of Christ. We often encounter Christ in the Bible on a story by story basis. This series will emphasize the “big picture” while looking at select “high points” in Christ’s ministry, through stressing the unity of the gospel accounts to enlighten our study of His teachings and actions of redemption in fulfilling the covenant promises. Along the way, we will examine the background, geography, chronology and theology of the life of Jesus Christ.

Financial Report through April 30, 2015

Contributions:	\$105,700.00
Expenses:	\$123,900.00
Shortfall:	(\$ 18,200.00)

Over half of our shortfall is due to lower than projected giving. Our giving is still over \$2,000 behind our projections each month. Much of the other half of the shortfall is due to our very high heating bills in January through March. Thankfully the utility bill in April was only half what it was in March. There are many things for which to be thankful in Spring, among them are lower utility bills!

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY	10:30 AM Worship service Children’s Church (grades 1-4) 6:30 PM RockHouse (grades 7-13)
TUESDAY	7:00 PM Men’s Bible Study (at the church)
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM RockHouse Bible study (John’s office)
SUNDAY	8:30 AM Prayer Time in the balcony 9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages 10:30 AM Worship

Coming Soon

June 8-12th – PCA General Assembly in Chattanooga, TN
June 14th – Potluck Dinner with Larry & Sandy Rockwell (MTW Peru)
June 18th – WIC Christian Book Club begins
June 27th – Impact Yard Sale (at Aisquith)
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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