

The Lord's Day

July 12, 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...

*A Christian man is a most free lord of all, subject to none.
A Christian man is a most dutiful servant of all, subject to all.
Martin Luther*

Prelude

All Creatures of our God and King

Lasst Uns Erfreuen
Mr. Darrius Pugh, soloist
Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music, flute

We praise our great God

*The Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 18:1-3, 46 (ESV)

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I call upon the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

The LORD lives! And blessed be [our] Rock, and exalted be the God of [our] salvation—

*Hymn No. 163

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,
Ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
All the heav'nly orders in their great array.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true:
Crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour:
Let his will enfold you in his light and pow'r.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With his Father's glory, with his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 34

(Hymnal, pg. 796)

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.

The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days,

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.

Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry;

the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;

he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.

Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned.

The LORD redeems his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Galatians 5:16-18 (ESV)

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh,

for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

But if [we] are led by the Spirit, [we] are not under the law.

Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Confession of Faith, XX.2, 3

God alone is Lord of the conscience,¹ and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men, which are, in any thing contrary to His Word; or beside it, in matters of faith, or worship.² ... They who, upon pretense of Christian liberty, do practice any sin, or cherish any lust, do thereby destroy the end of Christian liberty, which is, that being delivered out of the hands of our enemies, we might serve the Lord without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life.³

¹ Jam. 4:12; Rom. 14:4 ² Acts 4:19; 5:29; 1 Cor. 7:23; Matt. 23:8-10; 2 Cor. 1:24; Matt. 15:9

³ Gal. 5:13; 1 Pe. 2:16; 2 Pe. 2:19; Jn 8:34; Lk. 1:74, 75

*Hymn No. 687

Make Me a Captive, Lord

Paradoxy

Make me a captive, Lord, and then I shall be free;

Force me to render up my sword, and I shall conqu'ror be;

I sink in life's alarms when by myself I stand;

Imprison me within thine arms and strong shall be my hand.

My heart is weak and poor until it master find;

It has no spring of action sure—it varies with the wind;

It cannot freely move till thou hast wrought its chain;

Enslave it with thy matchless love, and deathless it shall reign.

My pow'r is faint and low till I have learned to serve;

It wants the needed fire to glow, it wants the breeze to nerve;
 It cannot drive the world until itself be driv'n;
 Its flag can only be unfurled when thou shalt breathe from heav'n.

My will is not my own till thou hast made it thine;
 If it would reach the monarch's throne, it must its crown resign;
 It only stands unbent, amid the clashing strife,
 When on they bosom it has leaned, and found in thee its life.

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 1:1-2:1 (ESV)

1 The word of the LORD that came to Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

² When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, “Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD.” ³ So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

⁴ And the LORD said to him, “Call his name Jezreel, for in just a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. ⁵ And on that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel.”

⁶ She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the LORD said to him, “Call her name No Mercy, for I will no more have mercy on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all.

⁷ But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God. I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen.”

⁸ When she had weaned No Mercy, she conceived and bore a son. ⁹ And the LORD said, “Call his name Not My People, for you are not my people, and I am not your God.”

¹⁰ Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,” it shall be said to them, “Children of the living God.” ¹¹ And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head. And they shall go up from the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

2 Say to your brothers, “You are my people,” and to your sisters, “You have received mercy.”

Commissioning of Impact Team

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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Wesley
 Darrius Pugh, soloist

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 14:13-23

(Pew Bible pg. 804)

¹³ Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. ¹⁴ I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. ¹⁵ For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶ So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. ¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹ So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

²⁰ Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. ²¹ It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. ²² The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. ²³ But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

Sermon

“Living My Liberty”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

*Hymn (insert)

Holy Spirit

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Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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

Danish

Postlude

Cwm Rhondda

Welsh

*Those who are able, please stand.

Serving in our Nursery today: Janet & George Johnson; next week, July 19th: Wendy Wickham and Amelia Wickham.

Please pray for the Impact team as they get ready to leave on Saturday for a week in Cherokee, NC. The team members are Coby Bracken, John Ceselsky, Julie Ceselsky, David Kuriny, Karen Wallace, Beryl Wickham, Rick Willis, and Robin Willis.

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 only 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 May 31, 2015

Contributions:	\$138,324.00
Expenses:	\$147,879.00
Shortfall:	(\$ 9,555.00)

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY	10:30 AM Worship Children’s Church (grades 1-4) 1:00 PM Impact Meeting (at Ceselsky’s) 6:30 PM RockHouse (grades 7-13)
THURSDAY	7:00 PM Ladies Book Club (rm. 11)
SATURDAY	AM Impact Team leaves for Cherokee, NC
SUNDAY	8:30 AM Prayer time in the balcony 9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages 10:30 AM Worship NO ROCKHOUSE tonight!

Coming Events

Sunday, August 16th at 6 PM Impact Potluck and Report

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