

## *The Lord's Day*

July 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.*

### **We prepare for worship**

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

*The unity of his servants is so much esteemed by God, that he will not have his glory sounded forth midst discords and contentions.*

*John Calvin*

Prelude

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*  
(Hymnal No. 304)

Kingsford

Mr. Jeff Soule, soloist  
Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

### **We praise our great God**

\*The Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 147:1-3 (ESV)

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
**For it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**  
The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.  
**He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

\*Hymn No. 347 (vv. 1-3, 6)

*The Church's One Foundation*

Aurelia

The church's One foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation by water and the Word:  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

\*Invocation

### **We embrace Christ our Savior**

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 101

(Hymnal, pg. 821)

I will sing of your love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will sing praise.  
**I will be careful to lead a blameless life—when will you come to me?**  
I will walk in my house with blameless heart.

**I will set before my eyes no vile thing.**

The deeds of faithless men I hate; they will not cling to me.

**Men of perverse heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with evil.**

Whoever slanders his neighbor in secret, him will I put to silence;

**whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, him will I not endure.**

My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me,

**he whose walk is blameless will minister to me.**

No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house;

**no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence.**

Every morning I will put to silence all the wicked in the land;

**I will cut off every evildoer from the city of the LORD.**

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Philippians 2:5-11

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

**but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.**

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

**Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,**

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.**

Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Qs 62, 63

What is the visible Church? **The visible Church is a society made up of all such as in all ages and places of the world do profess the true religion,<sup>1</sup> and of their children.<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> 1 Cor. 1:2; 12:13; Rom. 15:9-12; Rev. 7:9; Ps. 2:8; 22:27-31; 45:17; Matt. 28:19, 20; Is. 59:21

<sup>2</sup> 1 Cor. 7:14; Acts 2:39; Rom. 11:16; Gen. 17:7

What are the privileges of the visible Church? **The visible Church hath the privilege of being under God's special care and government;<sup>1</sup> of being protected and preserved in all ages, notwithstanding the opposition of all enemies;<sup>2</sup> and of enjoying the communion of saints, the ordinary means of salvation,<sup>3</sup> and offers of grace by Christ to all the members of it in the ministry of the gospel, testifying, that whoever believes in Him shall be saved,<sup>4</sup> and excluding none that will come unto Him.<sup>5</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Is. 4:5, 6; 1 Tim. 4:10    <sup>2</sup> Ps. 115:1, 2, 9; Is. 31:4, 5; Zech. 12:2-4, 8, 9    <sup>3</sup> Acts 2:39, 42

<sup>4</sup> Ps. 147:19, 20; Rom. 9:4; Eph. 4:11, 12; Mk 16:15, 16

<sup>5</sup> Jn 6:37

\*Hymn No. 246

*Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

Bliss

Man of Sorrows! What a name for the Son of God who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,  
Sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was he;  
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die, "It is finished!" was his cry;  
Now in heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 2:2-23 (ESV)

- <sup>2</sup> “Plead with your mother, plead—  
    for she is not my wife,  
    and I am not her husband—  
that she put away her whoring from her face,  
    and her adultery from between her breasts;
- <sup>3</sup> lest I strip her naked  
    and make her as in the day she was born,  
and make her like a wilderness,  
    and make her like a parched land,  
and kill her with thirst.
- <sup>4</sup> Upon her children also I will have no mercy,  
    because they are children of whoredom.
- <sup>5</sup> For their mother has played the whore;  
    she who conceived them has acted shamefully.  
For she said, ‘I will go after my lovers,  
    who give me my bread and my water,  
    my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.’
- <sup>6</sup> Therefore I will hedge up her way with thorns,  
    and I will build a wall against her,  
    so that she cannot find her paths.
- <sup>7</sup> She shall pursue her lovers  
    but not overtake them,  
and she shall seek them  
    but shall not find them.  
Then she shall say,  
    ‘I will go and return to my first husband,  
    for it was better for me then than now.’
- <sup>8</sup> And she did not know  
    that it was I who gave her  
    the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
    and who lavished on her silver and gold,  
    which they used for Baal.
- <sup>9</sup> Therefore I will take back  
    my grain in its time,  
    and my wine in its season,  
    and I will take away my wool and my flax,  
    which were to cover her nakedness.
- <sup>10</sup> Now I will uncover her lewdness  
    in the sight of her lovers,  
    and no one shall rescue her out of my hand.
- <sup>11</sup> And I will put an end to all her mirth,  
    her feasts, her new moons, her Sabbaths,  
    and all her appointed feasts.
- <sup>12</sup> And I will lay waste her vines and her fig trees,  
    of which she said,  
    ‘These are my wages,

- which my lovers have given me.’  
 I will make them a forest,  
 and the beasts of the field shall devour them.
- <sup>13</sup> And I will punish her for the feast days of the Baals  
 when she burned offerings to them  
 and adorned herself with her ring and jewelry,  
 and went after her lovers  
 and forgot me, declares the LORD.
- <sup>14</sup> “Therefore, behold, I will allure her,  
 and bring her into the wilderness,  
 and speak tenderly to her.
- <sup>15</sup> And there I will give her her vineyards  
 and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope.  
 And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth,  
 as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.
- <sup>16</sup> “And in that day, declares the LORD, you will call me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer  
 will you call me ‘My Baal.’ <sup>17</sup> For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth,  
 and they shall be remembered by name no more. <sup>18</sup> And I will make for them a covenant  
 on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things  
 of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will  
 make you lie down in safety. <sup>19</sup> And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you  
 to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. <sup>20</sup> I will betroth you  
 to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.
- <sup>21</sup> “And in that day I will answer, declares the LORD,  
 I will answer the heavens,  
 and they shall answer the earth,  
<sup>22</sup> and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
 and they shall answer Jezreel,  
<sup>23</sup> and I will sow her for myself in the land.  
 And I will have mercy on No Mercy,  
 and I will say to Not My People, ‘You are my people’;  
 and he shall say, ‘You are my 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

*Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal*  
 (from *The Olive Leaf*, 1878)

Traditional American

The Cicone Family

*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**

**15** We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. <sup>3</sup> For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.” <sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,  
and sing to your name.”

<sup>10</sup> And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

<sup>11</sup> And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol him.”

<sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

The English Standard Version

Sermon

“Christ Our Example”

Pastor Bell

**We respond to God’s grace**

\*Hymn No. 532

*Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Holy Way*

Penitence

Teach me, O Lord, thy holy way, and give me an obedient mind;  
That in thy service I may find my soul’s delight from day to day.

Guide me, O Savior, with thy hand, and so control my thoughts and deeds,  
That I may tread the path which leads right onward to the blessed land.

Help me, O Savior, here to trace the sacred footsteps thou hast trod;  
And, meekly walking with my God, to grow in goodness, truth, and grace.

Guard me, O Lord, that I may ne’er forsake the right, or do the wrong:  
Against temptation make me strong, and round me spread thy shelt’ring care.

Bless me in ev'ry task, O Lord, begun, continued, done for thee;  
Fulfill thy perfect work in me; and thine abounding grace afford.

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

Danish  
J. S. Bach

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\*Those who are able, please stand.

**Serving in our Nursery today:** Wendy Wickham and Amelia Wickham; next week, July 26<sup>th</sup>: Lydia Komenda and Shannon Bell.

**Please pray for the Impact team** as they spend the next week in Cherokee, NC. You can check on their daily progress on the church website. The team members are Coby Bracken, John & Julie Ceselsky, David Kuriny, Karen Wallace, Beryl Wickham, Rick & Robin Willis. The team will return home late Saturday evening.

**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.

**Love is something we all desire to experience**, but it is also a word with many misperceptions. Starting August 2<sup>nd</sup>, John Cicone will be leading an adult Sunday School class entitled "A Study of Love". This course will be a practical application of theology designed to help you understand how to love God, yourself and your neighbor more fully and will run the month of August. Please join us as we search the Scriptures to see what God teaches us concerning love.

### *This Week at Aisquith*

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Children's Church (grades 1-4) <b>NO ROCKHOUSE tonight!</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b> Ladies Book Club (rm. 11)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Evening</b> Impact Team arrives back from Cherokee, NC
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> Prayer time in the balcony <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School for all ages <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>NO ROCKHOUSE tonight!</b>

### *Coming Events*

**Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM Impact Potluck and Report**

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