

The Lord's Day

July 26, 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...

Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth. **Revelation 5:9, 10**

Prelude

Praise You, I Will Praise You

Smith
George & Fran Oswinkle, duet
Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

Lord, I will praise You; Lord, I will praise Your name. If the sky and galaxies declare Your holy name, If all creation finds the words Your power to proclaim, Then how can I articulate with words and with my days Your glory and Your majesty, and live a life of praise.

We praise our great God

*The Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 96:1-4a (ESV)

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD all the earth!
Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.

*Hymn No. 75

O Father, You Are Sovereign

St. Theodulph

O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made;
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
Sets stars within their courses and still the tempest's roar.

O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man;
No pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,
You hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign, the Lord of human pain,
Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.
All evil over-ruling, as none but Conqu'ror could,
Your love pursues its purpose—our souls' eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now,
But soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew;
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you!

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 103

(*Hymnal*, pg. 821)

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field;

the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—

with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,

and his kingdom rules over all.

Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

2 Corinthians 12:9, 10 (ESV)

The Lord says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

"Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

"For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.

"For when I am weak, then I am strong."

Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Qs 64, 67

What is the invisible church? **The invisible church is the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one under Christ the head.**¹

¹ Eph. 1:10; 22, 23; Jn 10:16; 11:52

What is effectual calling? **Effectual calling is the work of God's almighty power and grace,¹ whereby (out of free and special love to his elect, and from nothing in them moving him thereunto)² he doth, in his accepted time, invite and draw them to Jesus Christ, by his word and Spirit;³ savingly enlightening their minds,⁴ renewing and powerfully determining their wills,⁵ so as they (although in themselves dead in sin) are hereby made willing and able freely to answer his call, and to accept and embrace the grace offered and conveyed therein.**⁶

¹ Jn 5:25; Eph. 1:18-20; 2 Tim. 1:8, 9

² Titus 3:4, 5; Eph. 2:4, 5, 7-9; Rom. 9:11

³ 2 Cor 5:20; 6:1, 2; Jn 6:44; 2 Thes. 2:13, 14

⁴ Acts 26:18; 1 Cor. 2:10, 12

⁵ Ezek. 11:19; 36:26, 27; Jn 6:45

⁶ Eph. 2:5; Phil. 2:13; Deut. 30:6

*Hymn No. 345

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Haydn

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,

Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t' assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 3 (ESV)

3 *And the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins." ² So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley. ³ And I said to her, "You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you." ⁴ For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. ⁵ Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.*

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

Hope of Earth and Joy of Heaven

Fettke

George & Fran Oswinkle, duet

Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n! I've learned to know a name I highly treasure; Oh, how it thrills my spirit thro' and thro'; Oh, precious name, beyond all degree or measure; Oh, wondrous name of Him so kind and true. My heart is stirred whene'er I think of Jesus, that blessed name which sets the captive free; The only name thro' which I find salvation; No name on earth has meant so much to me. I love to sing of Christ our King, And hail Him blessed Jesus. Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n. Jesus.

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 15:14-21

(Pew Bible pg. 805)

¹⁴ *I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.* ¹⁵ *But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God* ¹⁶ *to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.* ¹⁷ *In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God.* ¹⁸ *For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished*

through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed,¹⁹ by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ;²⁰ and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation,²¹ but as it is written,

*“Those who have never been told of him will see,
and those who have never heard will understand.”*

Sermon

“Paul’s Pioneering Ambition”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 55

To God Be the Glory

Doane

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that we may go in.

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro’ Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he has done!***

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offended who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

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

Postlude

Andante

Danish
G. F. Handel

*Those who are able, please stand.

Serving in our Nursery today: Lydia Komenda and Shannon Bell.

The Impact Team wants to thank everyone for their prayers and support during last week’s ministry in Cherokee, NC.

Tomorrow, Monday the 27th, is the deadline to sign up for the July 30th RockHouse trip to SkyZone. See John today!

Thanks for your generous support for those participating in the Summit Ministries program. Gina Cicone has returned from her two weeks in Los Angeles. Julian Hague, Madison Kuriny, Liz Leininger, and Ryan Leubecker will leave next Sunday, August 2nd for Colorado Springs. Pray for their preparations and for a productive time of study and learning.

Love is something we all desire to experience, but it is also a word with many misperceptions. Starting Sunday, August 2nd at 9 AM, 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!

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY	10:30 AM Worship Children's Church (grades 1-4) 12:00 PM Prayer Shawl ministry (library) NO ROCKHOUSE tonight!
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM RockHouse Bible Study 6:30-8:00 PM Hymn Sing supper and program
THURSDAY	2:00-5:30 PM RockHouse trip to SkyZone 7:00 PM Ladies Book Club (rm. 11)
SUNDAY	8:30 AM Prayer time in the balcony 9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages 10:30 AM Worship

Coming Events

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

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