

The Lord's Day

August 2, 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...

When asked by the London Missionary Society where he wanted to go as a missionary, David Livingston's response was, "Anywhere, as long as it is forward."

Prelude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
(*Hymnal* No. 629)

Joseph Scriven

Stacia Gallagher, soprano
Fran Oswinkle, soprano and George Oswinkle, tenor
Gloria Hague, Director of Music, guitar

We praise our great God

*The Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 34:1-3, 8 (ESV)

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

*Hymn No. 2 (vv. 1, 2, 5, 6)

O Worship the King

Lyons

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

The Reading of the Law with Responses from the Gospels

(insert)

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

"Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool...Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes', and your 'No' be 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

Honor your father and your mother.

For God said, "Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death."

You shall not murder.

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.

You shall not commit adultery.

Anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

You shall not steal.

For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery...theft...These are what make a man "unclean."

You shall not give false testimony.

For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks...For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.

You shall not covet.

Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

*Confession of Faith (unison)

The Apostles' Creed

(*Hymnal*, pg. 845)

*Hymn of Assurance No. 551

How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

Rutherford

How blest is he whose trespass has freely been forgiv'n,
whose sin is wholly covered before the sight of heaven.
Blest he to whom Jehovah will not impute his sin,
who has a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within.

While I kept guilty silence my strength was spent with grief,
Thy hand was heavy on me, my soul found no relief;
but when I owned my trespass, my sin hid not from thee,
when I confessed transgression, then thou forgavest me.

So let the godly seek thee in times when thou art near;
no whelming floods shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear.
In thee, O Lord, I hide me, thou savest me from ill,
and songs of thy salvation my heart with rapture thrill.
I graciously will teach thee the way that thou shalt go,
and with mine eye upon thee my counsel make thee know.
But be ye not unruly, or slow to understand;

be not perverse, but willing to heed my wise command.

The sorrows of the wicked in number shall abound,
but those that trust Jehovah, his mercy shall surround.
Then in the Lord be joyful, in song lift up your voice.
Be glad in God, ye righteous, rejoice, ye saints, rejoice.

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 4 (ESV)

- 4** *Hear the word of the LORD, O children of Israel,
for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land.
There is no faithfulness or steadfast love,
and no knowledge of God in the land;*
- 2** *there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery;
they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.*
- 3** *Therefore the land mourns,
and all who dwell in it languish,
and also the beasts of the field
and the birds of the heavens,
and even the fish of the sea are taken away.*
- 4** *Yet let no one contend,
and let none accuse,
for with you is my contention, O priest.*
- 5** *You shall stumble by day;
the prophet also shall stumble with you by night;
and I will destroy your mother.*
- 6** *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge;
because you have rejected knowledge,
I reject you from being a priest to me.
And since you have forgotten the law of your God,
I also will forget your children.*
- 7** *The more they increased,
the more they sinned against me;
I will change their glory into shame.*
- 8** *They feed on the sin of my people;
they are greedy for their iniquity.*
- 9** *And it shall be like people, like priest;
I will punish them for their ways
and repay them for their deeds.*
- 10** *They shall eat, but not be satisfied;
they shall play the whore, but not multiply,
because they have forsaken the LORD
to cherish ¹¹ whoredom, wine, and new wine,
which take away the understanding.*
- 12** *My people inquire of a piece of wood,
and their walking staff gives them oracles.
For a spirit of whoredom has led them astray,
and they have left their God to play the whore.*

- 13 *They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains
and burn offerings on the hills,
under oak, poplar, and terebinth,
because their shade is good.
Therefore your daughters play the whore,
and your brides commit adultery.*
- 14 *I will not punish your daughters when they play the whore,
nor your brides when they commit adultery;
for the men themselves go aside with prostitutes
and sacrifice with cult prostitutes,
and a people without understanding shall come to ruin.*
- 15 *Though you play the whore, O Israel,
let not Judah become guilty.
Enter not into Gilgal,
nor go up to Beth-aven,
and swear not, "As the LORD lives."*
- 16 *Like a stubborn heifer,
Israel is stubborn;
can the LORD now feed them
like a lamb in a broad pasture?*
- 17 *Ephraim is joined to idols;
leave him alone.*
- 18 *When their drink is gone, they give themselves to whoring;
their rulers dearly love shame.*
- 19 *A wind has wrapped them in its wings,
and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.*

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

In Heavenly Love Abiding

Anna Waring

Stacia Gallagher, soprano

Gloria Hague, piano

In heav'nly love abiding, No change my heart shall fear; And safe is such confiding, For nothing changes here: The storm may roar without me, My heart may low be laid; But God is round about me, And can I be dismayed? Wherever He may guide me, No want shall turn me back: My Shepherd is beside me, And nothing can I lack: His wisdom ever waketh, His sight is never dim; He knows the way he taketh, And I will walk with Him. Green pastures are before me, Which yet I have not seen; Bright skies will soon be o'er me, Where the dark clouds have been: My life I cannot measure, The path of life is free; My Saviour has my treasure, And He will walk with me. 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 in Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

Romans 15:22-33

(Pew Bible pg. 805)

²² *This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you.* ²³ *But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you,* ²⁴ *I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while.* ²⁵ *At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints.* ²⁶ *For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem.* ²⁷ *For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings.* ²⁸ *When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you.* ²⁹ *I know that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.*

³⁰ *I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf,* ³¹ *that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,* ³² *so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company.* ³³ *May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.*

Sermon

“Pressing On”

Pastor Bell

Hymn No. 7 (*HMR*) (vv. 1, 2)

Come to the Waters

Water of Life

Come to the waters, whoever is thirsty;
Drink from the Fountain that never runs dry.
Jesus, the Living One, offers you mercy,
Life more abundant in boundless supply.

Come to the River that flows through the city,
Forth from the throne of the Father and Son.
Jesus the Savior says, “Come and drink deeply,”
Drink from the pure, inexhaustible One.

The Lord’s Supper

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 7 (*HMR*) (vv. 3-5)

Come to the Waters

Water of Life

Come to the Fountain without any money;
Buy what is given without any cost.
Jesus the gracious One, welcomes the weary;
Jesus the selfless One, died for the lost.

Come to the Well of unmerited favor;
Stretch out your hand, fill your cup to the brim.
Jesus is such a compassionate Savior.
Draw from the grace that flows freely from him.

Come to the Savior, the God of Salvation.
God has provided an end to sin’s strife.
Why will you suffer the Law’s condemnation?
Take the free gift of the water of life.

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

Danish

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Stanley

*Those who are able, please stand.

Serving in our Nursery today: Betty Werner and Janet Johnson; next week, August 9th: Sarah Soule and Ruth Ellen Beerli.

Please welcome Stacia Gallagher as our guest musician today. Stacia sings with the Bach Choir of Baltimore and is a member of Church of the Resurrection.

Thanks for your generous support for those participating in the Summit Ministries program. Julian Hague, Madison Kuriny, Liz Leininger, and Ryan Leubecker left this morning for Colorado Springs. Pray them to have a productive time of study and learning.

Tomorrow, Monday, August 3rd is the deadline to sign up for the August 6th RockHouse trip to Ocean City. See John today!

The Thursday WIC Book club will not meet on August 6th or 13th. Instead we will extend our discussion two weeks and meet on August 27th and September 3rd.

Love is something we all desire to experience, but it is also a word with many misperceptions. 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) 6:30 PM RockHouse
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM RockHouse Bible Study
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 5 PM Impact Potluck and Report

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