

The Lord's Day

August 23, 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...

Who you are and who you are not is uniquely designed to offer Christ's life to the world. How you are gifted and how you are not gifted is designed for how you're to make Christ known to the world. What you possess and what you do not possess is uniquely designed to make him known. What you can do and what you cannot do is his design to make himself known through you. You are uniquely designed to offer Christ, and it is your lack (what you are not, what you don't possess, what you can't do) that is the powerful part of the story. That is the Gospel."

Newsletter

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Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham, organist

We praise our great God

*The Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 68:4-6, 32a (ESV)

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!

Father to the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord...

*Hymn No. 355

We Are God's People

Symphony

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand;
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God out-poured;
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv'n;
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heav'n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone for on its own each member loses fire;
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 112

(Hymnal, pg. 826)

Praise the LORD.

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who finds great delight in his commands.

His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man.

Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice.

Surely he will never be shaken; a righteous man will be remembered forever.

He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes.

He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor, his righteousness endures forever; his horn will be lifted high in honor.

The wicked man will see and be vexed, he will gnash his teeth and waste away;

the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sing, O Daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel!

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy.

The LORD, [our] God is with [us], he is mighty to save.

He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.

*Hymn (insert)

In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength my song;
 This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
 My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
 'Till on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
 For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world, by darkness slain;
 Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
 And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me.
 From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
 No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand
 'Till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 55

What do you understand by "the communion of saint"? **First, that all and every one who believes, being members of Christ, are in common, partakers of Him, and of all His riches and gifts;¹ secondly, that every one must know it to be his duty, readily and cheerfully to employ his gifts, for the advantage and salvation of other members.²**

¹ Jn 1:3, 4; Rom. 8:32; 1 Cor. 12:13² 1 Cor. 13:5; Phil. 2:4-6

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 7 (ESV)

6:11b [W]hen I restore the fortunes of my people.

7 When I would heal Israel,

the iniquity of Ephraim is revealed,
 and the evil deeds of Samaria;
 for they deal falsely;
 the thief breaks in,
 and the bandits raid outside.
² But they do not consider
 that I remember all their evil.
 Now their deeds surround them;
 they are before my face.
³ By their evil they make the king glad,
 and the princes by their treachery.
⁴ They are all adulterers;
 they are like a heated oven
 whose baker ceases to stir the fire,
 from the kneading of the dough
 until it is leavened.
⁵ On the day of our king, the princes
 became sick with the heat of wine;
 he stretched out his hand with mockers.
⁶ For with hearts like an oven they approach their intrigue;
 all night their anger smolders;
 in the morning it blazes like a flaming fire.
⁷ All of them are hot as an oven,
 and they devour their rulers.
 All their kings have fallen,
 and none of them calls upon me.
⁸ Ephraim mixes himself with the peoples;
 Ephraim is a cake not turned.
⁹ Strangers devour his strength,
 and he knows it not;
 gray hairs are sprinkled upon him,
 and he knows it not.
¹⁰ The pride of Israel testifies to his face;
 yet they do not return to the LORD their God,
 nor seek him, for all this.
¹¹ Ephraim is like a dove,
 silly and without sense,
 calling to Egypt, going to Assyria.
¹² As they go, I will spread over them my net;
 I will bring them down like birds of the heavens;
 I will discipline them according to the report made to their congregation.
¹³ Woe to them, for they have strayed from me!
 Destruction to them, for they have rebelled against me!
 I would redeem them,
 but they speak lies against me.
¹⁴ They do not cry to me from the heart,

but they wail upon their beds;
 for grain and wine they gash themselves;
 they rebel against me.
¹⁵ Although I trained and strengthened their arms,
 yet they devise evil against me.
¹⁶ They return, but not upward;
 they are like a treacherous bow;
 their princes shall fall by the sword
 because of the insolence of their tongue.
 This shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

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

*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 16:1-16

(Pew Bible pg. 806)

16 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at (kihN KREE uh) Cenchreae, ² that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.

³ Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴ who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. ⁵ Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved (ih PEE neh thus) Epaphroditus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia. ⁶ Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. ⁷ Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me.

⁸ Greet (am pli AY thus) Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. ⁹ Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved (STAY kiss) Stachys. ¹⁰ Greet (uh PEL ehz) Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. ¹¹ Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus.

¹² Greet those workers in the Lord, (trigh Fee huh) Tryphaena and (trigh FOH suh) Tryphosa. Greet the beloved (PUR sis) Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord.

¹³ Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well. ¹⁴ Greet (uh SIN krih thus) Asyncritus, (FLEE gahn) Phlegon, Hermes, (PAT roh buhs) Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them. ¹⁵ Greet (fih LAHL oh guhs) Philologus, Julia, (NEE roos) Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. ¹⁶ Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

Sermon

"Your Eulogy"

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

*Hymn No. 358

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
 Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
 Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
 Thou in the darkness drear, their own true light.

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
 Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
 And win with them the victor's crown of gold.

The golden evening brightens in the west,
 Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of glory passes on his way.

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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

Danish

Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

Serving in our Nursery today: Christine Clark and Julianna Clark; next week, August 30th: Janet & George Johnson

Tuesday (8/25) is the last day for RockHouse members to sign up for the cookout and party at the Ceselsky's on Sunday, August 30th. Please contact John or leave him a message.

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
THURSDAY	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 4:00 PM RockHouse cookout at the Ceselsky's

Coming Events

Sunday, August 28th at 6 PM Mission's Dinner with the Acostas
(see insert for details and to sign up)

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