

The Lord's Day

April 23, 2017

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...

We must not conceal from ourselves that true Christianity brings with it a daily cross in this life, while it offers us a crown of glory in the life to come. The flesh must be daily crucified. The devil must be daily resisted... There is a warfare to be waged, and a battle to be fought.

J. C. Ryle

Prelude

Aria

J. S. Bach

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 62:5-8 (ESV)

Pastor Ceselsky

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

*Hymn No. 168

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
Reigning omnipotent in every place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;
Shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,
strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.

Thou has the true and perfect gentleness,
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee
and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;
Our faith is built upon thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure
That we can boldly conquer and endure.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading

Psalm 37:23-40

(*Hymnal*, pg. 798)

If the LORD delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm;
though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.
 I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.
They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed.
 Turn from evil and do good; then you will dwell in the land forever.
For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones.
 They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off;
the righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever.
 The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just.
The law of his God is in his heart; his feet do not slip.
 The wicked lie in wait for the righteous, seeking their very lives;
but the LORD will not leave them in their power or let them be condemned when brought to trial.
 Wait for the LORD and keep his way.
He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.
 I have seen a wicked and ruthless man flourishing like a green tree in its native soil,
but he soon passed away and was no more; though I looked for him, he could not be found.
 Consider the blameless, observe the upright; there is a future for the man of peace.
But all sinners will be destroyed; the future of the wicked will be cut off.
 The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Philippians 3:7-9 (ESV)

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

And be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law,
 but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

*Confession of Faith (unison)

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 124

What does the third petition of the Lord's Prayer ask? **"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"**¹
asks that we and all men may renounce our own will,² **and without murmuring obey God's will,**³
which is only good; so that every one may attend to and perform the duties of his station and calling⁴
as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.⁵

¹ Matt. 6:10 ² Matt. 16:24; Titus 2:12 ³ Lk. 22:42 ⁴ 1 Cor. 7:24; Eph. 4:1 ⁵ Ps. 103:20

*Hymn No. 565

All for Jesus!

Wycliff

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'ers,
 All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform his bidding, let my feet run in his ways;
 Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth his praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,
 Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;
 So enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

O what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
 Deigns to call me his beloved, lets me rest beneath his wings.

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 10 (ESV)

The Restoration for Judah and Israel

10 Ask rain from the LORD
 in the season of the spring rain,
 from the LORD who makes the storm clouds,
 and he will give them showers of rain,
 to everyone the vegetation in the field.

² For the household gods utter nonsense,
 and the diviners see lies;
 they tell false dreams
 and give empty consolation.
 Therefore the people wander like sheep;
 they are afflicted for lack of a shepherd.

³ “My anger is hot against the shepherds,
 and I will punish the leaders;
 for the LORD of hosts cares for his flock, the house of Judah,
 and will make them like his majestic steed in battle.

⁴ From him (Judah) shall come the cornerstone,
 from him the tent peg,
 from him the battle bow,
 from him every ruler—all of them together.

⁵ They shall be like mighty men in battle,
 trampling the foe in the mud of the streets;
 they shall fight because the LORD is with them,
 and they shall put to shame the riders on horses.

⁶ “I will strengthen the house of Judah,
 and I will save the house of Joseph.
 I will bring them back because I have compassion on them,
 and they shall be as though I had not rejected them,
 for I am the LORD their God and I will answer them.

⁷ Then Ephraim shall become like a mighty warrior,
 and their hearts shall be glad as with wine.
 Their children shall see it and be glad;
 their hearts shall rejoice in the LORD.

⁸ “I will whistle for them and gather them in,
 for I have redeemed them,
 and they shall be as many as they were before.

⁹ Though I scattered them among the nations,
 yet in far countries they shall remember me,
 and with their children they shall live and return.

¹⁰ I will bring them home from the land of Egypt,
 and gather them from Assyria,
 and I will bring them to the land of Gilead and to Lebanon,
 till there is no room for them.

¹¹ He shall pass through the sea of troubles
 and strike down the waves of the sea,
 and all the depths of the Nile shall be dried up.
 The pride of Assyria shall be laid low,
 and the scepter of Egypt shall depart.

¹² I will make them strong in the LORD,
 and they shall walk in his name,”
 declares the LORD.

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

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

G. F. Handel

Stacia Gallagher, soprano

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first-fruits of them that sleep.

Musical Interlude

After the Offertory, 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

Matthew 16:24-28

(Pew Bible pg. 694)

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life (soul) will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Sermon

"The Kingdom's Appointment"

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

*Hymn No. 610

"Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said

Quebec

"Take up your cross," the Savior said, "if you would my disciple be; take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me."

Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak soul with vain alarm; his strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross; nor heed the shame, and let your foolish pride be still; your Lord refused not e'en to die upon a cross, on Calv'ry's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly sin's wild deluge brave; 'twill guide you to a better home, it points to glory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross, and follow on, nor think till death to lay it down; for only he who bears the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

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

Postlude

O God, Thou Faithful God

Danish

J. S. Bach

*Those who are able, please stand.

Our Easter Offering will go to our denomination's *Compassion Fund*. This fund enables us to respond quickly to crises that touch our missionaries and their communities around the world. Urgent needs are met with medical and construction assistance, food and shelter for displaced families, and personal care and counseling for victims of natural disasters. Whatever the situation, your gifts are connected to a Mission to the World church-planting effort. Use the "Easter" envelope from your envelope box or mark a pink pew envelope "Easter" for your special gift to this ministry. Thanks.

Attention Aisquith Men! Every Tuesday at 10:30 AM there is a Bible study at the church. We are currently watching tapes by R. C. Sproul, which are followed by a discussion of Biblical issues. Come join us!

A **National Day of Prayer** event will be held at Beachmont Camp on **May 4th** from **11AM-12PM**. We are hoping to gather together private schools, homeschool families, and anyone who is able to make it to pray for our country. We will be praying for government, police, families, military, first responders, businesses, education, etc. We hope that you will join us.

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY	10:30 AM Worship Children's Church (grades 1-4) No Youth Activities tonight!
MONDAY	5:30 PM Youth Group to Oriole's Game
TUESDAY	10:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study (church library) 10:30 AM Men's Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	7:30 PM Youth Bible Study (John's office)
THURSDAY	7:30 PM Adult Choir practice
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6:30 PM Youth Activities (grades 7-12)

Coming Soon

May 7th Mission's Sunday with Chuck & Barb Angert and Cheryl Erb
(luncheon to follow, see insert)

Saturday, June 24th Impact Yard Sale

July 21-30th Impact trip to Peru with our missionaries the Rockwells

Sunday, August 20th Impact Pot Luck Supper