

# *The Lord's Day*

February 4, 2018

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...*

*For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 1 Corinthians 5:7, 8*

Prelude

*Fugue in A Minor*

J. S. Bach

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

## **We praise our great God**

\*Call to Worship (responsive)

Isaiah 55:1, 3; John 6:55; 7:37

Come, everyone who thirsts, come without money and without price. Incline your ear, and come to Me, hear that your soul may live.

**For His flesh is true food and His blood is true drink.**

On the last day of the great feast, Jesus stood up and cried out, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

\*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 57

(Hymnal pg. 805)

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge.

**I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.**

I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me.

**He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me; God sends his love and his**

**faithfulness.**

I am in the midst of lions; I lie among ravenous beasts—men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords.

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.**

They spread a net for my feet—I was bowed down in distress.

**They dug a pit in my path—but they have fallen into it themselves.**

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.

**Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.**

I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

**For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;

**let your glory be over all the earth.**

Assurance of Pardon (*responsive*)

Hebrews 13:11-16 (ESV)

For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp.

**So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.**

Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.

**For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.**

\*Confession of Faith (*unison*)

Westminster Confession of Faith, XXIX.7

**Worthy receivers, outwardly partaking of the visible elements, in this sacrament,<sup>1</sup> do then also, inwardly by faith, really and indeed, yet not carnally and corporally but spiritually, receive and feed upon, Christ crucified, and all benefits of His death, the body and blood of Christ being then, not corporally or carnally, in, with, or under the bread and wine, yet, as really, but spiritually, present to the faith of believers in that ordinance, as the elements themselves are to their outward senses.<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> 1 Cor. 11:28 <sup>2</sup> 1 Cor. 10:16

\*Hymn No. 472 (vv. 1-3)

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched*

Owen

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity joined with pow'r:  
He is able, he is able, he is able,  
He is willing; doubt no more; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, ev'ry grace that bring you nigh,  
Without money, without money, without money,  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy; come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all:  
Not the righteous, not the righteous, not the righteous—  
Sinners Jesus came to call; sinners Jesus came to call.

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

*How Beautiful*

Paris/Larson

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the children of earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross. How beautiful...is the body of Christ. How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sins and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise. How beautiful is the Body of Christ. And as He laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice that we will live

just as He died: willing to pay the price. How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King. How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the children of earth. How beautiful...is the body of Christ.

***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 in Word and Sacrament**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:17-35

(Pew Bible, pg. 703)

**The Passover with the Disciples**

<sup>17</sup> Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup> He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" <sup>19</sup> And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup> When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup> And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup> And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup> He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup> The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." <sup>25</sup> Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

**Institution of the Lord's Supper**

<sup>26</sup> Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." <sup>27</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

**Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial**

<sup>30</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' <sup>32</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." <sup>33</sup> Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." <sup>35</sup> Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

Sermon

"The Kingdom's Apprehension"

Pastor Bell

Hymn No. 472 (vv. 4, 5)

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched*

Owen

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him;  
This he gives you, this he gives you, this he gives you;  
'tis the Spirit's rising beam; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! th'incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of his blood;

Venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude:  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good, can do helpless sinners good.

The Lord's Supper

**We respond to God's grace**

\*Hymn No. 431

*A Parting Hymn We Sing*

Schumann

A parting hymn we sing around your table, Lord;  
Again our grateful tribute bring, our solemn vows record.

Here have we seen your face, and felt your presence here;  
So may the savor of your grace in word and life appear.

We're purchased by your blood, by sin no longer let;  
The path our dear Redeemer trod may we rejoicing tread.

In self-forgetting love he our communion shown,  
Until we join the church above, and know as we are known.

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

Danish

Postlude

*Concerto in A Minor*

Vivaldi-Bach

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\*Those who are able, please stand.

**Tomorrow** (Monday) is the deadline to sign up for the youth group snow tubing trip scheduled for Saturday (2/10).

**A Congregational Meeting** is hereby called for next Sunday, February 11, 2018 following the morning worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to review the annual reports and to vote to elect two deacons, Ken Schumann (1<sup>st</sup> term after a sabbatical) and Rick Willis (new deacon). A coffee hour will follow. Contact Laura Newman if you can bring something.

**The Tiemann Music Fund** helps to provide guest musicians for our worship services and other special events. If you would like to give a special gift for our music ministry you can do so by using a pink pew envelope and marking it "Tiemann Music Fund."

**Impact is collecting empty inkjet cartridges** to raise funds for future mission's trips. There is a box on the steel racks in the kitchen where you can drop them off.

**This Week at Aisquith**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship and the Lord's Supper</b> <b>Children's Church (grades 1-4)</b>
<b>No Youth Group tonight</b>		
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Ladies' Bible Study (church library)</b>
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study (1<sup>st</sup> floor classroom)</b>
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Ladies' Bible Study (church library)</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Choir practice</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM – 7 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group snow tubing trip</b>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>Children's Church (grades 1-4)</b>
	<b>11:45 AM</b>	<b>Congregational Meeting</b> <b>Coffee Hour</b> <b>No Youth Group tonight!</b>

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