

The Lord's Day

April 22, 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...

I looked for the church and I found it in the world; I looked for the world and I found it in the church.

Horatius Bonar

Prelude

Wade in the Water

Spiritual

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music Ministries

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:4b-6

Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.

*Hymn No. 48 *O Lord Most High, With All My Heart* Rockingham Old

O Lord Most High, with all my heart your wondrous works I will proclaim;
I will be glad and give you thanks and sing the praises of your name.

The Lord, the everlasting King, is seated on his judgment throne;
The righteous Judge of all the world will make his perfect justice known.

Jehovah will a refuge prove, a refuge strong for all oppressed,
A safe retreat, where weary souls in troubled times may surely rest.

All they, O Lord, that know your name their confidence in you will place,
For you have ne'er forsaken them who earnestly have sought your face.

Sing praises to the Lord Most High, to him who does in Zion dwell;
Declare his mighty deeds abroad, his deeds among the nations tell.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading

Psalm 50:1-15 (Hymnal pg. 803)

The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where its sets.

From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages.

He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:

“Gather to me my consecrated ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”

And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

“Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you: I am God, your God.

“I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.

“I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens.

“for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

“I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine.

“If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.

“Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

“Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High.

“and call upon me in the day of trouble;

“I will deliver you, and you will honor me.”

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 1:17-21

Since you call on a Father who judges each man’s work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear.

For [we] know that it is not with perishable things such as silver or gold that [we] were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to [us] from [our] forefathers,

but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for [our] sake.

Through him you believed in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith XXXIII.1

God hath appointed a day, wherein he will judge the world, in righteousness, by Jesus Christ, to whom all power and judgment is given of the Father. In which day, not only the apostate angels shall be judged, but likewise all persons that have lived upon earth shall appear before the tribunal of Christ, to give an account of their thoughts, words, and deeds; and to receive according to what they have done in the body, whether good or evil.

*Hymn No. 486

God, Be Merciful to Me

Redhead

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
Let me contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound-less grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me now away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation’s joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee;

Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 18:1-10

18 Then the whole congregation of the people of Israel assembled at Shiloh and set up the tent of meeting there. The land lay subdued before them.

2 There remained among the people of Israel seven tribes whose inheritance had not yet been apportioned. 3 So Joshua said to the people of Israel, "How long will you put off going in to take possession of the land, which the Lord, the God of your fathers, has given you? 4 Provide three men from each tribe, and I will send them out that they may set out and go up and down the land. They shall write a description of it with a view to their inheritances, and then come to me. 5 They shall divide it into seven portions. Judah shall continue in his territory on the south, and the house of Joseph shall continue in their territory on the north. 6 And you shall describe the land in seven divisions and bring the description here to me. And I will cast lots for you here before the Lord our God. 7 The Levites have no portion among you, for the priesthood of the Lord is their heritage. And Gad and Reuben and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan eastward, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave them."

8 So the men arose and went, and Joshua charged those who went to write the description of the land, saying, "Go up and down in the land and write a description and return to me. And I will cast lots for you here before the Lord in Shiloh." 9 So the men went and passed up and down in the land and wrote in a book a description of it by towns in seven divisions. Then they came to Joshua to the camp at Shiloh, 10 and Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the Lord. And there Joshua apportioned the land to the people of Israel, to each his portion.

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

Rise Up, O Men of God arr. Robert Shaw
Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things;
give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of Kings.
Rise up, O men of God! His kingdom tarries long;
bring in the day of brotherhood, and end the night of wrong.
Rise up, O men of God! The church for you doth wait,
her strength unequal to her task; rise up and make her great.
Lift high the cross of Christ; tread where his feet have trod;
as brothers of the Son of Man rise up, O men of God!

We hear God Speak

Text

Revelation 2:12-17

(Pew Bible, pg. 868)

12 "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: 'The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.

13 “I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. 14 But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. 15 So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. 17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.’

Sermon

“The Worldly Church”

Pastor Ceselsky

We respond to God's Grace

*Hymn No. 347 *The Church's One Foundation*

Aurelia

The church's One foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

‘Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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

Danish

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore. Amen.

Postlude

Hornpipe

Purcell

***Those who are able please stand.**

Please prayerfully consider supporting two Aisquith teens (Maria Cicone & Marcus Hague) as they plan to attend a Summit Worldview Conference this summer. Donations can be made to Aisquith with the funds given to Pastor Ceselsky.

The Adult Sunday School Class which began today is new video series and discussion entitled : *Tactics: A Game Plan to Effectively Discussing Your Christian Convictions* by Gregory Koukl. Please join us!

If you would like to give a special gift for our music ministry you can do so by using a pink envelope and marking it "Tiemann Music Fund." Your gifts make it possible for us to bring in a variety of musicians to enhance our worship service.

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY	10:30 AM	Worship
	12:00 PM	Children's Church (grades 1-4)
		Impact Team Meeting
MONDAY	7:00 PM	College & Career Bible Study
TUESDAY	10:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Men's Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	7:30 PM	Youth Bible Study
THURSDAY	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
FRIDAY	7-9:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting
SATURDAY	9:00 AM	Church Decorating
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	9:00 AM	Children's Bible Hour
	10:30 AM	Worship
		Children's Church (grades 1-4)

Coming Soon

May 18-22, MAD Coop – "The Last Oz Story" Play

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