

The Lord's Day

April 29, 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...

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed. ... I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Psalm 2:1,2,7-9

Prelude

Sinfonia

J.S. Bach

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music Ministries

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 9:7-11

The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.

He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.

The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Sing the praises of the LORD, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.

*Hymn No. 181

We Come, O Christ, to You

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We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,
By whom all things consist, in whom all life began;
In you alone we live and move and have our being in your love.

You are the Way to god, your blood our ransom paid;
In you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand, your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in you,
The Source of every skill, the one eternal TRUE!
O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, to know you is to live
The more abundant life that earth can never give;
O risen Lord! We live in you; in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,
To you our youth and strength adoringly we bring;
So fill our hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.

You hem me in--behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"

even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.

When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body.

All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.

When I awake, I am still with you.

If only you would slay the wicked, O God! Away from me, you bloodthirsty men!

They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.

Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD, and abhor those who rise up against you?

I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 3:21-25a; 5:1,2

But now a righteousness from God, apart from the law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

*Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Article 20

We believe that God, who is perfectly merciful and just, sent His Son to assume that nature in which the disobedience was committed, to make satisfaction in the same, and to bear the punishment of sin by His most bitter passion and death. God therefore manifested His justice against His Son when He laid our iniquities upon Him, and poured forth His mercy and goodness on us, who were guilty and worthy of damnation, out of mere and perfect love, giving His Son unto death for us, and raising Him for our justification, that through Him we might obtain immortality and life eternal.

*Hymn No. 172 *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder* All Saints Old

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
He has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who brought us, pitied us when enemies,
Called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown:
He who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder, grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy Lamb of God!"

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 18:11-19:48

18:11 The lot of the tribe of the people of Benjamin according to its clans came up, and the territory allotted to it fell between the people of Judah and the people of Joseph.

19:1 The second lot came out for Simeon, for the tribe of the people of Simeon, according to their clans, and their inheritance was in the midst of the inheritance of the people of Judah. . . . 9 The inheritance of the people of Simeon formed part of the territory of the people of Judah. Because the portion of the people of Judah was too large for them, the people of Simeon obtained an inheritance in the midst of their inheritance.

10 The third lot came up for the people of Zebulun, according to their clans.

17 The fourth lot came out for Issachar, for the people of Issachar, according to their clans.

24 The fifth lot came out for the tribe of the people of Asher according to their clans.

32 The sixth lot came out for the people of Naphtali, for the people of Naphtali, according to their clans.

40 The seventh lot came out for the tribe of the people of Dan, according to their clans. . . . 47 When the territory of the people of Dan was lost to them, the people of Dan went up and fought against Leshem, and after capturing it and striking it with the sword they took possession of it and settled in it, calling Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their ancestor. 48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the people of Dan, according to their clans—these cities with their villages.

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

All Hail The Power arr. Parker/Shaw
Words – Hymn #296, verses 1,3,4.

We hear God Speak

Text

Revelation 2:18-29 (Pew Bible, pg. 868)

18 “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

19 “‘I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. 20 But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. 21 I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. 22 Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, 23 and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. 24 But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. 25 Only hold fast what you have until I come. 26 The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, 27 and he will rule[a] them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star. 29 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

Sermon

“The Working Church” Pastor Ceselsky

We respond to God's Grace

*Hymn No. 500 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* New City Fellowship

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on they judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Postlude

In Thee is Gladness Kristina Lanlois

***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 Deacons will be leading a congregational work day on Saturday, May 19 from 8 a.m. until noon. There is a great amount of work to do on both the inside and outside of the building. Many hands make for light work.

Support for the Brown family can be done in so many ways: prayer, joining with them at the visitation today at the Parkview Funeral Home from 3-5 or 7-9, in celebration of Rich & Pam's entrance into glory at the memorial service tomorrow at 11 a.m., and financially. Tax-deductible donations can be made through the Help fund here at Aisquith. Donations may be put in the pink pew envelopes and then put in the offering.

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY	10:30 AM	Worship
	3:00, 7:00 PM	Children's Church (grades 1-4)
		Brown Visitation
MONDAY	11:00 AM	Brown Funeral Service
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
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
May 19, 8 am – noon – Congregational Work Day

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