

The Lord's Day

May 6, 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...

Christ's lordship over the church is decisive and ultimate; it is also historically specific and deals with individuals by their personal name. His decision about a believer's fitness to enter into God's eternal reign is not based upon a formal confession of faith; indeed, some in the Sardis church gave every outward appearance of true devotion. Rather, the criterion of the Lord Jesus' eschatological judgment is considerably more demanding, requiring the believer to be worthy, utterly faithful to God's eternal rule through Christ.

Robert W. Wall

Prelude

Consider His Handiwork

Weston

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music Ministries

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-4

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

Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

*Hymn No. 110

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Praise Jehovah

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, from the heavens praise his name;
Praise Jehovah in the highest, all his angels, praise proclaim,
All his hosts, together praise him, sun and moon and stars on high;
Praise him, O you heav'ns of heavens, and you floods above the sky.

***Let them praises give Jehovah, for his name alone is high,
And his glory is exalted, and his glory is exalted,
and his glory is exalted far above the earth and sky.***

Let them praises give Jehovah, they were made at his command;
Them forever he established, his decree shall ever stand.
From the earth, O praise Jehovah, all you seas, you monsters all,
Fire and hail and snow and vapors, stormy winds that hear his call.

All you fruitful trees and cedars, all you hills and mountains high,
Creeping things and beasts and cattle, birds that in the heavens fly,
Kings of earth, and all you people, princes great, earth's judges all;
Praise his name, young men and maidens, aged men, and children small.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading

Psalm 51 (Hymnal pg. 804)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.
so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.
Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.
Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.
Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem.
Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Assurance of Pardon

Revelation 7:9-10

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count,
From every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.
They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:
“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, XVII.1,2

They, whom God hath accepted in his Beloved, effectually called, and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved. This perseverance of the saints depends not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father; upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ, the abiding of the Spirit, and of the seed of God within them, and the nature of the covenant of grace: from all which ariseth also the certainty and infallibility thereof.

*Hymn No. 305

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Lenox

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,

And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

My God is reconciled; his pard’ning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
with confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.

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 *Lead Me Lord* S.S. Wesley
Words – Hymn #727

We hear God Speak in Word and Deed

Text Revelation 3:1-6 (Pew Bible, pg. 868)

3 “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.

“‘I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. 2 Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. 3 Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. 4 Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. 5 The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. 6 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

Sermon “The Named Church” Pastor Ceselsky

Hymn No. 425 *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken* Eucharistic Hymn

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Celebration of The Lord’s Supper

We respond to God's Grace

*Hymn (insert)

Before the Throne

Sovereign Grace

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart (2X).

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of my guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me (2X).

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of Glory and of Grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God (2X)

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

Danish

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Postlude

Voluntary

Goltermann

*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!

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 two wonderful ways: prayer 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.

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 Children's Church (grades 1-4)
MONDAY	7:00 PM	College & Career Bible Study
TUESDAY	10:30 am 10:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study 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 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Children's Bible Hour 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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