

The Lord's Day

May 13, 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...

Many people say they believe in the providence of God. They affirm trust in his sovereignty. As long as things go well, they believe God is in control. But when the foundations appear to be shaking, they lose their confidence. But that is the very point at which you must keep exercising your trust. No matter how great may appear to be the threat, be assured that he will remain firm as a foundation for all that trust him.

O. Palmer Robertson

Prelude

Voluntary

John Stanley
Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 28:6-9 (ESV)

Blessed be the LORD! for he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

*Hymn No. 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for e'er we adore him.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 77

(Hymnal pg. 812)

I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me.

When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands and my soul refused to be comforted.

I remembered you, O God, and I groaned; I mused, and my spirit grew faint.

You kept my eyes from closing; I was too troubled to speak.

I thought about the former days, the years of long ago;

I remembered my songs in the night. My heart mused and my spirit inquired:

“Will the Lord reject forever? Will he never show his favor again?

“Has his unfaithful love vanished forever? Has his promise failed for all time?

“Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has he in anger withheld his compassion?”

Then I thought, “To this I will appeal: the years of the right hand of the Most High.”

I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.

I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds.

Your ways, O God, are holy. What god is so great as our God?

You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.

With your mighty arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw you, O God, the waters saw you and writhed; the very depths were convulsed.

The clouds poured down water, the skies resounded with thunder; your arrows flashed back and forth.

Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind, your lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and quaked.

Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters, though your footprints were not seen.

You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

James 1:2-5 (ESV)

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,

For [we] know that the testing of [our] faith produces steadfastness.

And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

*Confession of Faith (unison)

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 26

What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?” **That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (who of nothing made heaven and earth, with all that is in them;¹ who likewise upholds and governs the same by His eternal counsel and providence)² is for the sake of Christ His Son, my God and my Father; on whom I rely so entirely, that I have no doubt but He will provide me with all things necessary for soul and body;³ and further, that He will make whatever evils He sends upon me, in this valley of tears, turn out to my advantage;⁴ for He is able to do it, being Almighty God,⁵ and willing, being a faithful Father.⁶**

¹ Gen. 1 and 2; Ps. 33:6 ² Ps. 115:3; Matt. 10:29; Heb. 1:3; Jn 5:17

³ Jn 1:12, 16; Rom. 8:15, 16; Gal. 4:5, 6; Eph. 1:5; 1 Jn 3:1 ⁴ Ps. 55:22; Matt. 6:26

⁵ Rom. 8:28; Rom. 4:21 ⁶ Rom. 10:12; Matt. 6:26; Matt. 7:9-11

*Hymn No. 108

What'er My God Ordains Is Right

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Whate'er my God ordains is right: his holy will abideth;
I will be still whate'er he doth, and follow where he guideth.
He is my God; though dark my road, he holds me that I shall not fall:
Wherefore to him I leave my all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: he never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path; I know he will not leave me.
I take, content, what he hath send; his hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait his day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup, in drinking,
 May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking.
 My God is true; each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
 And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand by taken;
 Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.
 My Father's care is round me there; he holds me that I shall not fall:
 And so to him I leave it all.

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 19:49-51 (ESV)

The Inheritance for Joshua

⁴⁹ When they had finished distributing the several territories of the land as inheritances, the people of Israel gave an inheritance among them to Joshua the son of Nun. ⁵⁰ By command of the LORD they gave him the city that he asked, Timnath-serah in the hill country of Ephraim. And he rebuilt the city and settled in it.

⁵¹ These are the inheritances that Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the people of Israel distributed by lot at Shiloh before the LORD, at the entrance of the tent of meeting. So they finished dividing the land.

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

Hornpipe

Henry Purcell

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

Psalms 13

(Pew Bible, pg. 387)

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

13 How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

² How long must I take counsel in my soul
 and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³ Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;
 light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

⁴ lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
 lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

⁵ But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
 my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

⁶ I will sing to the LORD,
 because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Sermon

“From Weariness to Worship”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 641

How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me

Angel’s Story

How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, thou God of grace?
 How long shall fears beset me, while darkness hides thy face?
 How long shall griefs distress me and turn my day to night?
 How long shall foes oppress me and triumph in their might?

O Lord my God, behold me, and hear my earnest cries;
 lest sleep of death enfold me, enlighten thou mine eyes;
 lest now my foe insulting should boast of his success,
 and enemies exulting rejoice in my distress.

But I with expectation have on thy grace relied;
 my heart in thy salvation shall still with joy confide;
 and I with voice of singing will praise the Lord above,
 who, richest bounties bringing, has dealt with me in love.

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

Danish

Postlude

Prelude in G minor

J. S. Bach

*Those who are able, please stand.

A special welcome to all our Mothers today. We rejoice in the lives and contributions of those no longer with us, and pray God’s grace and strength for those who continue to love and labor in our behalf.

The Adult Sunday School class is viewing a video series with discussion entitled: *Tactics: A Game Plan to Effectively Discussing Your Christian Convictions* by Gregory Koukl. Join us!

The Deacons are leading a congregational work day on Saturday, May 19th from 8 AM until noon. There is a great amount of work to do both inside and out of the building. Your participation will help us be good stewards of what God has given.

Please prayerfully consider supporting two of our teens (Maria Cicone and Marcus Hague) as they attend a Summit Worldview Conference this summer. Designated donations can be made to Aisquith. Please give your gifts directly to Pastor Ceselsky.

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.” Your gifts make it possible for us to bring in a variety of musicians to enhance our worship service.

Please check for any Trinity hymnals or church library books you may have inadvertently carried home with you (and not returned!). A number of items are missing. Also, we have still not found two of the new hearing assist devices which disappeared the first week we had them. Help us be good stewards of the things which God has given.

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY	10:30 AM	Worship Children’s Church (grades 1-4)
TUESDAY	7:30 PM	Session & Deacons’ Meetings
THURSDAY	7:30 PM	Choir practice

SATURDAY 8-12:00 Noon Clean up Day at the Church!
NEXT SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship
Children's Church (grades 1-4)

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