

# The Lord's Day

May 20, 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...*

*The fool is not a rare sub-species within the human race;  
all human beings are fools apart from the wisdom of God.*

*P. C. Craigie*

Prelude

Amazing Grace

arr. Hague  
Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

## We praise our great God

\*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 40:1-4a (ESV)

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

**Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust...**

\*Hymn No. 75

*O Father, You Are Sovereign*

St. Theodulph

O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made;  
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.  
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,  
Sets stars within their courses and still the tempest's roar.

O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man;  
No pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart your perfect plan.  
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,  
You hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign, the Lord of human pain,  
Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.  
All evil over-ruling, as none but Conqu'ror could,  
Your love pursues its purpose—our souls' eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now,  
But soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.  
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew;  
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you!

\*Invocation

## We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 73

(Hymnal pg. 811)

Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

**But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold.**

For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

**They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong.**

They are free from the burdens common to man; they are not plagued by human ills.

**Therefore pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves with violence.**

From their callous hearts comes iniquity; the evil conceits of their minds knows no limits.

**They scoff, and speak with malice; in their arrogance they threaten oppression.**

Their mouths lay claim to heaven, and their tongues take possession of the earth.

**Therefore their people turn to them and drink up waters in abundance.**

They say, "How can God know? Does the Most High have knowledge?"

**This is what the wicked are like—always carefree, they increase in wealth.**

Surely in vain have I kept my heart pure; in vain have I washed my hands in innocence.

**All day long I have been plagued; I have been punished every morning.**

If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed your children.

**When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me,**

till I entered the sanctuary of God then I understood their final destiny.

**Surely you place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin.**

How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors!

**As a dream when one awakes, so when you arise, O Lord, you will despise them as fantasies.**

When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered,

**I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you.**

Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

**You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.**

Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

**My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.

**But as for me, it is good to be near God, I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.**

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Romans 1:18, 21, 28; 3:23, 24 (ESV)

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth...

**For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened...**

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done...

**[F]or all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...**

\*Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Qs. 45-47

What is the first commandment? **The first commandment is, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."**<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ex 20:3

What is required in the first commandment? **The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God,<sup>1</sup> and to worship and glorify Him accordingly.<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> 1 Chron 28:9; Deut 26:17 <sup>2</sup> Matt 4:10; Ps 29:2

What is forbidden in the first commandment? **The first commandment forbids the denying,<sup>1</sup> or not worshipping and glorifying, the true God as God,<sup>2</sup> and our God,<sup>3</sup> and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to Him alone.<sup>4</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Ps 14:1 <sup>2</sup> Rom 1:21 <sup>3</sup> Ps 81:10, 11 <sup>4</sup> Rom 1:25, 26

\*Hymn No. 94

*How Firm a Foundation*

Traditional American

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!

What more can he say than to you he has said,

to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you. O be not dismayed;  
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“E’en down to old age all my people shall prove  
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 20 (ESV)

**20** Then the LORD said to Joshua, <sup>2</sup>“Say to the people of Israel, ‘Appoint the cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you through Moses, <sup>3</sup>that the manslayer who strikes any person without intent or unknowingly may flee there. They shall be for you a refuge from the avenger of blood. <sup>4</sup>He shall flee to one of these cities and shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city and explain his case to the elders of that city. Then they shall take him into the city and give him a place, and he shall remain with them. <sup>5</sup>And if the avenger of blood pursues him, they shall not give up the manslayer into his hand, because he struck his neighbor unknowingly, and did not hate him in the past. <sup>6</sup>And he shall remain in that city until he has stood before the congregation for judgment, until the death of him who is high priest at the time. Then the manslayer may return to his own town and his own home, to the town from which he fled.’”

<sup>7</sup>So they set apart Kedesh in Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali, and Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the hill country of Judah. <sup>8</sup>And beyond the Jordan east of Jericho, they appointed Bezer in the wilderness on the tableland, from the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead, from the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan, from the tribe of Manasseh. <sup>9</sup>These were the cities designated for all the people of Israel and for the stranger sojourning among them, that anyone who killed a person without intent could flee there, so that he might not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, till he stood before the congregation.

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

*The King of Love*

Held

**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

Psalm 14

(Pew Bible, pg. 388)

- 14** The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."  
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;  
there is none who does good.
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,  
to see if there are any who understand,<sup>[a]</sup>  
who seek after God.
- <sup>3</sup> They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;  
there is none who does good,  
not even one.
- <sup>4</sup> Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers  
who eat up my people as they eat bread  
and do not call upon the LORD?
- <sup>5</sup> There they are in great terror,  
for God is with the generation of the righteous.
- <sup>6</sup> You would shame the plans of the poor,  
but<sup>[b]</sup> the LORD is his refuge.
- <sup>7</sup> Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!  
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,  
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

Sermon

"From Depravity to Deliverance"

Pastor Bell

**We respond to God's grace**

\*Hymn No. 521

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

***On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.***

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

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

Postlude

*Voluntary*

Danish

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\*Those who are able, please stand.

**The elders and deacons** are delighted to report that our giving so far this year has been equal to our expenses. Thank you for your faithful support of our ministry here. The summer months are often times of travel and vacation, but please don't forget the continuing needs of the church.

**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!

**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**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>Children's Church (grades 1-4)</b>
<b>TUESDAY</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>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>

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