

The Lord's Day

May 27, 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...

*What God wants for us is that we might be like Jesus Christ.
James M. Boice*

Prelude *O Lord, You Know Me* Telemann
Imani Allen, Soprano
Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

O Lord, You know me through and through, all my past and future. You know my rest and when I rise. All my thoughts, all my words, Lord, You know. You shall forever be all knowing, Lord, I trust in You. Where shall I go? Where shall I flee from You? Lord, should I soar, surely You would be with me. Should the long night appear, You, there too, would be near. You are the One Creator, My God and Father. O Lord, I trust in You.

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship (responsive) Psalm 61:1-5 (ESV)

Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint.

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.

Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings!

For you, O God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

*Hymn No. 17 *Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him* Faben

Praise the Lord: ye heav'ns adore him; praise him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him; praise him all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken; worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
Laws which never shall be broken for their guidance hath he made.

Praise the Lord, for he is glorious; never shall his promise fail:
God hath made his saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation; hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;
Heav'n and earth and all creation, laud and magnify his name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto thee;
Young and old, thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heav'n adore thee; we would bow before thy throne:
As thine angels serve before thee, so on earth thy will be done.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive) Psalm 34 (Hymnal pg. 796)

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.
My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.

The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days,

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.

Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry;

the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;

he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.

Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned.

The LORD redeems his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Romans 8:1-4 (ESV)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For the law of the Spirit of life has set [us] free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do.

By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

*Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Qs 93, 95

What is the moral law? **The moral law is the declaration of the will of God to mankind, directing and binding everyone to personal, perfect, and perpetual conformity and obedience thereunto, in the frame and disposition of the whole man, soul and body,¹ and in performance of all those duties of holiness and righteousness which he owes to God and man;² promising life upon the fulfilling, and threatening death upon the breach of it.³**

¹ Deut. 5:1-3, 31, 33; Lk 10:26, 27; Gal. 3:10; 1 Thes. 5:23 ² Lk 1:75; Acts 24:16 ³ Rom. 10:5; Gal. 3:10, 12

Of what use is the moral law to all men? **The moral law is of use to all men, to inform them of the holy nature and will of God,¹ and of their duty, binding them to walk accordingly;² to convince them of their disability to keep it, and of the sinful pollution of their nature, hearts, and lives;³ to humble them in the sense of their sin and misery,⁴ and thereby help them to a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ,⁵ and of the perfection of His obedience.⁶**

¹ Lev. 11:44, 45; 20:7, 8; Rom. 7:12 ² Micah 6:8; James 2:10, 11 ³ Ps. 19:11, 12; Rom. 3:20; 7:7 ⁴ Rom 3:9, 23

⁵ Gal. 3:21, 22 ⁶ Rom. 10:4

*Hymn No. 655

O Safe to the Rock That Is Higher Than I

Sankey

O safe to the Rock that is higher than I
My soul in its conflicts and sorrows would fly,
So sinful, so weary, thine, thine would I be;
Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in thee.

*Hiding in thee, hiding in thee—
Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in thee.*

In the calm of the noontide, in sorrow's lone hour,
In times when temptation casts o'er me its pow'r,

In the tempests of life, on its wide, heaving sea,
Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in thee.

How oft in the conflict, when pressed by the foe,
I have fled to my refuge and breathed out my woe!
How often when trials like sea billows roll,
Have I hidden in thee, O thou Rock of my soul!

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 21 (ESV)

21 Then the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites came to Eleazar the priest and to Joshua the son of Nun and to the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the people of Israel. ² And they said to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, "The LORD commanded through Moses that we be given cities to dwell in, along with their pasturelands for our livestock." ³ So by command of the LORD the people of Israel gave to the Levites the following cities and pasturelands out of their inheritance.

⁴ The lot came out for the clans of the Kohathites. So those Levites who were descendants of Aaron the priest received by lot from the tribes of Judah, Simeon, and Benjamin, thirteen cities.

⁵ And the rest of the Kohathites received by lot from the clans of the tribe of Ephraim, from the tribe of Dan and the half-tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

⁶ The Gershonites received by lot from the clans of the tribe of Issachar, from the tribe of Asher, from the tribe of Naphtali, and from the half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

⁷ The Merarites according to their clans received from the tribe of Reuben, the tribe of Gad, and the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

⁸ These cities and their pasturelands the people of Israel gave by lot to the Levites, as the LORD had commanded through Moses.

⁹ Out of the tribe of the people of Judah and the tribe of the people of Simeon they gave the following cities mentioned by name, ¹⁰ which went to the descendants of Aaron, one of the clans of the Kohathites who belonged to the people of Levi; since the lot fell to them first. ¹¹ They gave them Kiriath-arba (Arba being the father of Anak), that is Hebron, in the hill country of Judah, along with the pasturelands around it. ¹² But the fields of the city and its villages had been given to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as his possession.

¹³ And to the descendants of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its pasturelands, Libnah with its pasturelands, ¹⁴ Jattir with its pasturelands, Eshtemoa with its pasturelands, ¹⁵ Holon with its pasturelands, Debir with its pasturelands, ¹⁶ Ain with its pasturelands, Juttah with its pasturelands, Beth-shemesh with its pasturelands—nine cities out of these two tribes; ¹⁷ then out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its pasturelands, Geba with its pasturelands, ¹⁸ Anathoth with its pasturelands, and Almon with its pasturelands—four cities. ¹⁹ The cities of the descendants of Aaron, the priests, were in all thirteen cities with their pasturelands.

²⁰ As to the rest of the Kohathites belonging to the Kohathite clans of the Levites, the cities allotted to them were out of the tribe of Ephraim. ²¹ To them were given Shechem, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its pasturelands in the hill country of Ephraim, Gezer with its pasturelands, ²² Kibzaim with its pasturelands, Beth-horon with its pasturelands—four cities; ²³ and out of the tribe of Dan, Elteke with its pasturelands, Gibbethon with its pasturelands, ²⁴ Aijalon with its pasturelands, Gath-rimmon with its pasturelands—four cities; ²⁵ and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Taanach with its pasturelands, and Gath-rimmon with its pasturelands—two cities. ²⁶ The cities of the clans of the rest of the Kohathites were ten in all with their pasturelands.

²⁷ And to the Gershonites, one of the clans of the Levites, were given out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with its pasturelands, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Beeshterah with its pasturelands—two cities; ²⁸ and out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishion with its pasturelands, Daberath with its pasturelands, ²⁹ Jarmuth with its pasturelands, En-gannim with its pasturelands—four cities; ³⁰ and out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with its pasturelands, Abdon with its pasturelands, ³¹ Helkath with its pasturelands, and Rehob with its pasturelands—four cities; ³² and out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its pasturelands, the city of refuge for the manslayer, Hammoth-dor with its pasturelands, and Kartan with its pasturelands—three cities. ³³ The cities of the several clans of the Gershonites were in all thirteen cities with their pasturelands.

³⁴ And to the rest of the Levites, the Merarite clans, were given out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its pasturelands, Kartah with its pasturelands, ³⁵ Dimnah with its pasturelands, Nahalal with its pasturelands—four cities; ³⁶ and out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with its pasturelands, Jahaz with its pasturelands, ³⁷ Kedemoth with its pasturelands, and Mephaath with its pasturelands—four cities; ³⁸ and out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its pasturelands, the city of refuge for the manslayer, Mahanaim with its pasturelands, ³⁹ Heshbon with its pasturelands, Jazer with its pasturelands—four cities in all. ⁴⁰ As for the cities of the several Merarite clans, that is, the remainder of the clans of the Levites, those allotted to them were in all twelve cities.

⁴¹ The cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the people of Israel were in all forty-eight cities with their pasturelands. ⁴² These cities each had its pasturelands around it. So it was with all these cities.

⁴³ Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there. ⁴⁴ And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the LORD had given all their enemies into their hands. ⁴⁵ Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

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

One There Is Above All Others

arr. Norton

One there is above all others, well deserves the name of Friend: His is love beyond a brother's, Costly, free, and knows no end: they who once his kindness prove, find it everlasting love. Which of all our friends, to save us, could, or would, have shed his blood? But the Saviour died to save us, reconciled in Him to God: This was boundless love indeed; Jesus is a friend indeed. When He lived on earth abased 'Friend of Sinners' was His name; now above all glory raised, He rejoices in the same; still He calls them brethren, friends, and to all their wants attends. Could we bear from one another what He daily bears from us? Yet this glorious Friend and Brother loves us through we treat Him thus: though for good we render ill, He accounts us brethren still. O for grace our hearts to soften! Teach us, Lord, at length to love: we, alas! forget too often what a friend we have above; but, when home our souls are brought, we shall love Thee as we ought.

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 15

(Pew Bible, pg. 388)

15 O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?
 Who shall dwell on your holy hill?
² He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
 and speaks truth in his heart;
³ who does not slander with his tongue
 and does no evil to his neighbor,
 nor takes up a reproach against his friend;
⁴ in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
 but who honors those who fear the LORD;
 who swears to his own hurt and does not change;
⁵ who does not put out his money at interest
 and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
 He who does these things shall never be moved.

Sermon

“From Renegade to Righteous”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 354

Jesus Christ, Our Sure Foundation

Oakbrook

Jesus Christ, our sure foundation, he whose purpose stays the same,
 Building for himself a nation, giving those he calls his name.
 Praise we now and ever more, Jesus we adore!
 God has giv’n to us salvation, Jesus Christ has borne our blame.

Shepherd, Guardian, he who teaches, on whose grace the church depends,
 Tending it through hist’ry’s reaches, and will keep it to the end.
 Praise we now and ever more, Jesus we adore!
 He who from the first did seek us, Savior, Ruler, Guide and Friend.

Jesus, come, your kingdom bringing, how we long to see its sight!
 Ev’ry saint, Christ’s praises singing, stands before th’ eternal Light.
 Praise we now and ever more, Jesus we adore!
 Exaltation ever ringing, Christ, our King, return in might.

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

Postlude

*Concerto in A Minor*Danish
Vivaldi

*Those who are able, please stand.

We thank Amani Allen for her musical contribution to our worship. She is a member of Baltimore City College Choir.

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 will begin a new study next week on Bible Doctrine. Pastor Ceselsky will be teaching. 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.

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY

10:30 AM Worship

Children's Church (grades 1-4)

THURSDAY 7:30 PM Choir practice
NEXT SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship and the Lord's Supper
Children's Church (grades 1-4)

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