

The Lord's Day

June 17, 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...

Psalm 18 seems to testify that the kingdom does not come by peaceful evolution but by successful subjugation. The peace comes after the mighty battle.
D. Ralph Davis

Prelude

The Gift of Love

American Folk Tune
Stacia Gallagher, soprano

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be giv'n by love with in, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come spirit come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole, let inward love, guide ev'ry deed, by this we worship and are freed. Amen.

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 46:1, 2, 6-8 (ESV)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

*Hymn No. 92

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; is rage we can endure,
For lo! His doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them abideth;
The spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 31:1-14

(Hymnal pg. 794)

In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue;

be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

Free me from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

I hate those who cling to worthless idols; I trust in the LORD.

I will be glad and rejoice in your love,

For you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul.

You have not handed me over to the enemy but have set my feet in a spacious place.

Be merciful to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;

My eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and my body with grief.

My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning;

My strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.

Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors;

I am a dread to my friends—those who see me on the street flee from me.

I am forgotten by them as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery.

For I hear the slander of many; there is terror on every side;

They conspire against me and plot to take my life.

But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.”

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

1 John 5:13-15 (ESV)

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

*Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Confession of Faith, XXI.1a

The light of nature shows that there is a God, who has lordship and sovereignty over all, is good, and does good unto all, and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served, with all the heart, with all the soul, and with all the might.¹

¹ Rom. 1:20; Acts 17:24; Ps. 119:68; Jer. 10:7; Ps. 31:23; 18:3; Rom. 10:12; Ps. 62:8; Josh. 24:14; Mark 12:33

*Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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Beneath the cross of Jesus, I find a place to stand;
And wonder at such mercy, that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me, hold wounds which tell me “come.”
Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one, through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps, where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us—to be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus, We will gladly live our lives.

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Old Testament Reading

Joshua 22:10-20 (ESV)

The Eastern Tribes' Altar of Witness

¹⁰ And when they came to the region of the Jordan that is in the land of Canaan, the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by the Jordan, an altar of imposing size. ¹¹ And the people of Israel heard it said, "Behold, the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built the altar at the frontier of the land of Canaan, in the region about the Jordan, on the side that belongs to the people of Israel." ¹² And when the people of Israel heard of it, the whole assembly of the people of Israel gathered at Shiloh to make war against them.

¹³ Then the people of Israel sent to the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh, in the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, ¹⁴ and with him ten chiefs, one from each of the tribal families of Israel, every one of them the head of a family among the clans of Israel.

¹⁵ And they came to the people of Reuben, the people of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, in the land of Gilead, and they said to them, ¹⁶ "Thus says the whole congregation of the LORD, 'What is this breach of faith that you have committed against the God of Israel in turning away this day from following the LORD by building yourselves an altar this day in rebellion against the LORD?' ¹⁷ Have we not had enough of the sin at Peor from which even yet we have not cleansed ourselves, and for which there came a plague upon the congregation of the LORD, ¹⁸ that you too must turn away this day from following the LORD? And if you too rebel against the LORD today then tomorrow he will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel. ¹⁹ But now, if the land of your possession is unclean, pass over into the LORD's land where the LORD's tabernacle stands, and take for yourselves a possession among us. Only do not rebel against the LORD or make us as rebels by building for yourselves an altar other than the altar of the LORD our God. ²⁰ Did not Achan the son of Zerah break faith in the matter of the devoted things, and wrath fell upon all the congregation of Israel? And he did not perish alone for his iniquity.'"

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

Father's Eyes

Chapman

I may not be ev'ry mother's dream for her little girl; my face may not grace the mind of ev'ryone in the world. But that's all right as long as I can have one wish I pray when people look inside my life, I want to hear them say; **she's got her Father's eyes, eyes that find the good in things when good is not around, eyes that find the source of help when help just can't be found, eyes full of compassion, seeing ev'ry pain, knowin' what your goin' through and feelin' it the same. Just like my Father's eyes.** On that day when we will pay for all the deeds we have done, good and bad, they'll all be had to see by everyone.; and when I'm called to stand and you say what you've seen in me, more than anything I know, I want your words to be: She had her Father's eyes...

Musical Interlude

After the Offertory, children up through kindergarten may recess for Children's programs through the side door, or may remain with their families.

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Psalm 18

(Pew Bible, pg. 389)

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD, who addressed the words of this song to the LORD on the day when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. He said:

18 I love you, O LORD, my strength.

² The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

- ³ I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.
- ⁴ The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;
- ⁵ the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.
- ⁶ In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for help.
From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.
- ⁷ Then the earth reeled and rocked;
the foundations also of the mountains trembled
and quaked, because he was angry.
- ⁸ Smoke went up from his nostrils,
and devouring fire from his mouth;
glowing coals flamed forth from him.
- ⁹ He bowed the heavens and came down;
thick darkness was under his feet.
- ¹⁰ He rode on a cherub and flew;
he came swiftly on the wings of the wind.
- ¹¹ He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him,
thick clouds dark with water.
- ¹² Out of the brightness before him
hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds.
- ¹³ The LORD also thundered in the heavens,
and the Most High uttered his voice,
hailstones and coals of fire.
- ¹⁴ And he sent out his arrows and scattered them;
he flashed forth lightnings and routed them.
- ¹⁵ Then the channels of the sea were seen,
and the foundations of the world were laid bare
at your rebuke, O LORD,
at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.
- ¹⁶ He sent from on high, he took me;
he drew me out of many waters.
- ¹⁷ He rescued me from my strong enemy
and from those who hated me,
for they were too mighty for me.
- ¹⁸ They confronted me in the day of my calamity,
but the LORD was my support.
- ¹⁹ He brought me out into a broad place;
he rescued me, because he delighted in me.
- ²⁰ The LORD dealt with me according to my righteousness;
according to the cleanness of my hands he rewarded me.
- ²¹ For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
and have not wickedly departed from my God.
- ²² For all his rules were before me,

and his statutes I did not put away from me.

- ²³ I was blameless before him,
and I kept myself from my guilt.
- ²⁴ So the LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness,
according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.
- ²⁵ With the merciful you show yourself merciful;
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;
- ²⁶ with the purified you show yourself pure;
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.
- ²⁷ For you save a humble people,
but the haughty eyes you bring down.
- ²⁸ For it is you who light my lamp;
the LORD my God lightens my darkness.
- ²⁹ For by you I can run against a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.
- ³⁰ This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.
- ³¹ For who is God, but the LORD?
And who is a rock, except our God?—
- ³² the God who equipped me with strength
and made my way blameless.
- ³³ He made my feet like the feet of a deer
and set me secure on the heights.
- ³⁴ He trains my hands for war,
so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
- ³⁵ You have given me the shield of your salvation,
and your right hand supported me,
and your gentleness made me great.
- ³⁶ You gave a wide place for my steps under me,
and my feet did not slip.
- ³⁷ I pursued my enemies and overtook them,
and did not turn back till they were consumed.
- ³⁸ I thrust them through, so that they were not able to rise;
they fell under my feet.
- ³⁹ For you equipped me with strength for the battle;
you made those who rise against me sink under me.
- ⁴⁰ You made my enemies turn their backs to me,
and those who hated me I destroyed.
- ⁴¹ They cried for help, but there was none to save;
they cried to the LORD, but he did not answer them.
- ⁴² I beat them fine as dust before the wind;
I cast them out like the mire of the streets.
- ⁴³ You delivered me from strife with the people;
you made me the head of the nations;
people whom I had not known served me.
- ⁴⁴ As soon as they heard of me they obeyed me;
foreigners came cringing to me.

⁴⁵ Foreigners lost heart
and came trembling out of their fortresses.

⁴⁶ The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,
and exalted be the God of my salvation—

⁴⁷ the God who gave me vengeance
and subdued peoples under me,

⁴⁸ who rescued me from my enemies;
yes, you exalted me above those who rose against me;
you delivered me from the man of violence.

⁴⁹ For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,
and sing to your name.

⁵⁰ Great salvation he brings to his king,
and shows steadfast love to his anointed,
to David and his offspring forever.

Sermon

“From Ruin to Refuge”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 128

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Dundee

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev’ry hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow’r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

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

Postlude

Allegro

Danish
Francheschini

*Those who are able, please stand.

Our thanks to Stacia Gallagher who is singing “Father’s Eyes in honor of fathers. **Happy Father’s Day!**

Tomorrow is the deadline to sign up for the Youth Group Hershey Park Trip. See Pastor John if you are going.

Our congratulations to our high school graduates: David Brown, Maria Cicone, Juliana Clark, Francis Nanna, Chris Snowdon, and Amelia Wickham.

Our thanks to the choir and to Gloria Hague for their musical ministry to us this past year. The choir will be on “vacation” until September. Consider joining them in the fall!

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.

