

# The Lord's Day

June 24, 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...*

*I take [Psalm 19] to be the greatest poem in the Psalter and one of the greatest lyrics in the world."  
C. S. Lewis, Reflections on the Psalms*

Prelude

Minuet

W.A. Mozart  
Stacia Gallagher and Gloria Hague, flutes

## We praise our great God

\*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalms 67:1-5 (NIV)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us.

**that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

**May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.**

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

\*Hymn No. 122

*God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory*

Ode to Joy

God, all nature sings thy glory, and thy works proclaim thy might;  
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;  
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;  
All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;  
Ruler of creation's glory, image of thy majesty.  
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,  
Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled thine image; nature, conscience only serve  
As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.  
Yet thy grace and saving mercy in thy Word of truth revealed  
Claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;  
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.  
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;  
With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

\*Invocation

## We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalms 111

(Hymnal pg. 826)

Praise the LORD.

**I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.**

Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

**Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.**

He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

**He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.**

He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.

**The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.**

They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.

**He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

**To him belongs eternal praise.**

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Colossians 1:13-20 (ESV)

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.**

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

**And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

\*Confession of Faith (unison)

The Belgic Confession, Art. 1

By what means is God made known to us? **We know Him by two means: first, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe;<sup>1</sup> which is before our eyes as a most elegant book, wherein all creatures, great and small, are as so many characters leading us to contemplate *the invisible things of God, namely, His eternal power and divinity* (Rom 1:20). All which things are sufficient to convince men, and leave them without excuse. Secondly, He makes Himself more clearly and fully known to us by his holy and divine Word;<sup>2</sup> that is to say, as far as is necessary for us to know in this life, to His glory and our salvation.**

<sup>1</sup> Ps 19:2; Eph 4:6 <sup>2</sup> Ps 19:8; 1 Cor 12:6

\*Hymn No. 141

*God, in the Gospel of His Son*

Germany

God, in the gospel of his Son, makes his eternal counsels known;  
Where love in all its glory shines, and truth is drawn in fairest lines.

Here sinners of a humble frame may taste his grace, and learn his name;  
May read, in characters of blood, the wisdom, pow'r, and grace of God.

The pris'ner here may break his chains; the weary rest from all his pains;  
The captive feel his bondage cease; the mourner find the way of peace.

Here faith reveals to mortal eyes a brighter world beyond the skies;  
Here shines the light which guides our way from earth to realms of endless day.

O grant us grace, almighty Lord, to read and mark your holy Word;  
Its truths with meekness to receive, and by its holy precepts live.

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 22:21-34 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> Then the people of Reuben, the people of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh said in answer to the heads of the families of Israel, <sup>22</sup>“The Mighty One, God, the LORD! The Mighty One, God, the LORD! He knows; and let Israel itself know! If it was in rebellion or in breach of faith against the LORD, do not spare us today <sup>23</sup> for building an altar to turn away from following the LORD. Or if we did so to offer burnt offerings or grain offerings or peace offerings on it, may the LORD himself take vengeance. <sup>24</sup> No, but we did it from fear that in time to come your children might say to our children, ‘What have you to do with the LORD, the God of Israel?’ <sup>25</sup> For the LORD has made the Jordan a boundary between us and you, you

people of Reuben and people of Gad. You have no portion in the LORD.’ So your children might make our children cease to worship the LORD. <sup>26</sup> Therefore we said, ‘Let us now build an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice, <sup>27</sup> but to be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, that we do perform the service of the LORD in his presence with our burnt offerings and sacrifices and peace offerings, so your children will not say to our children in time to come, “You have no portion in the LORD.”’ <sup>28</sup> And we thought, ‘If this should be said to us or to our descendants in time to come, we should say, “Behold, the copy of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifice, but to be a witness between us and you.”’ <sup>29</sup> Far be it from us that we should rebel against the LORD and turn away this day from following the LORD by building an altar for burnt offering, grain offering, or sacrifice, other than the altar of the LORD our God that stands before his tabernacle!”

<sup>30</sup> When Phinehas the priest and the chiefs of the congregation, the heads of the families of Israel who were with him, heard the words that the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the people of Manasseh spoke, it was good in their eyes. <sup>31</sup> And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the people of Manasseh, “Today we know that the LORD is in our midst, because you have not committed this breach of faith against the LORD. Now you have delivered the people of Israel from the hand of the LORD.”

<sup>32</sup> Then Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the chiefs, returned from the people of Reuben and the people of Gad in the land of Gilead to the land of Canaan, to the people of Israel, and brought back word to them. <sup>33</sup> And the report was good in the eyes of the people of Israel. And the people of Israel blessed God and spoke no more of making war against them to destroy the land where the people of Reuben and the people of Gad were settled. <sup>34</sup> The people of Reuben and the people of Gad called the altar Witness, “For,” they said, “it is a witness between us that the LORD is God.”

Impact Team Commissioning

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

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

G. F. Handel  
Stacia Gallagher, Soprano

#### ***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 19

(Pew Bible, pg. 389)

**To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.**

**19** The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.  
<sup>2</sup> Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.  
<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words,  
whose voice is not heard.  
<sup>4</sup> Their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.  
In them he has set a tent for the sun,

<sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them,  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure,  
making wise the simple;

<sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;

<sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is clean,  
enduring forever;  
the rules of the LORD are true,  
and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey  
and drippings of the honeycomb.

<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> Who can discern his errors?  
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;  
let them not have dominion over me!  
Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Sermon

“From Creation to Christ”

Pastor Bell

**We respond to God’s grace**

\*Hymn No. 138

*The Heavens Declare Your Glory, Lord*

*Uxbridge*

The heav’ns declare your glory, Lord  
in ev’ry star your wisdom shines;  
but when our eyes behold your Word,  
we read your name in fairer lines.

The rolling sun, the changing light,  
and nights and days, your pow’r confess;  
but the blest volume you did write  
reveals your justice and your grace.

Sun, moon, and stars convey your praise  
round the whole earth, and never stand;

so when your truth began its race,  
it touched and glanced on ev'ry land.

Nor shall your spreading gospel rest  
till through the world your truth has run;  
till Christ has all the nations blessed  
that see the light, or feel the sun.

Great Sun of Righteousness, arise;  
bless the dark world with heav'nly light:  
your gospel makes the simple wise,  
your laws are pure, your judgments right.

Your noblest wonders here we view  
in souls renewed, and sins forgiv'n:  
Lord, cleanse my sins, my soul renew,  
and make your Word my guide to heav'n.

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

Danish  
Stanley

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\*Those who are able, please stand.

**Please pray for our Impact Team** as they prepare to go to Peru, July 6-16: John & Julie Ceselsky, Angelo, John & Gwen Cicone, Lucas Hague, and Beryl Wickham.

**Calling hours for Jean Flynn** are today from 3-5:00 and 7-9:00 PM next door at Parkview. The funeral service will be tomorrow at 11:00 AM here at Aisquith.

**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

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b> Worship
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b> Youth Bible Study (at church)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>7-9:00 PM</b> Youth Group (at church)
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b> Worship

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