

The Lord's Day

July 8, 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...

My greatest obligation to God, next to the gift of Jesus Christ and His Spirit, is for commanding me to love Him with all my heart.

Thomas Adams (died 1784)

Prelude

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Young
Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

*Hymn No. 295

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as they matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail through out eternity.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalms 40:1-11

(Hymnal pg. 799)

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

He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn 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, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders you have done.

The things you planned for us no one can recount to you;

were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but my ears you have pierced;

burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.

Then I said, "Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll.

"I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, as you know, O LORD.

I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

I do not conceal your love and your truth from the great assembly.

Do not withhold your mercy from me, O LORD; may your love and your truth always protect me.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

James 1:22-25 (ESV)

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.

For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

*Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Qs. 102, 122

What is the sum of the four commandments which contain our duty to God? **The sum of the four commandments containing our duty to God is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our strength, and with all our mind.**

What is the sum of the six commandments which contain our duty to man? **The sum of the six commandments which contain our duty to man, is, to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to do to others what we would have them to do to us.**

*Hymn No. 465

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Moody

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

**Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all my sin.**

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.

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

Amazing Grace

Newton

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

Mark 12:12-37

¹² And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them. So they left him and went away.

Paying Taxes to Caesar

¹³ And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. ¹⁴ And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" ¹⁵ But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." ¹⁶ And they brought one. And he said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at him.

The Sadducees Ask About the Resurrection

¹⁸ And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying, ¹⁹ "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother." ²⁰ There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring. ²¹ And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. ²² And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. ²³ In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife."

²⁴ Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? ²⁵ For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. ²⁶ And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? ²⁷ He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong."

The Great Commandment

²⁸ And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.' ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³² And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. ³³ And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's

neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”³⁴ And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Whose Son Is the Christ?

³⁵ And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, “How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? ³⁶ David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet.””

³⁷ David himself calls him Lord. So how is he his son?” And the great throng heard him gladly.

Sermon

“Question Traps”

Rev. Stuart Jones

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 154

Thou Art the Way

Arlington

Thou art the Way: to thee alone from sin and death we flee;
and he who would the Father seek must seek him, Lord, by thee.

Thou art the Truth: thy Word alone true wisdom can impart;
thou only canst inform the mind, and purify the heart.

Thou art the Life: the rending tomb proclaims thy conquering arm,
and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that Way to know,
that Truth to keep, that Life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

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

Danish

Postlude

Voluntary

Stanley

*Those who are able, please stand.

We welcome the Rev. Stuart Jones to our pulpit today. Stuart & Sandy have been attending Aisquith since Stuart retired as pastor of the Erdman Avenue Orthodox Presbyterian Church. They both sing in our choir and Sandy has volunteered with our children’s ministries.

Pease pray for our Impact Team as they minister in Peru this week. They will be gone until Monday, July 16th. The team members are John & Julie Ceselsky, Angelo, John & Gwen Cicone, Lucas Hague, and Beryl Wickham. Pray for Larry & Sandy Rockwell as they host them.

Impact is still collecting empty inkjet cartridges to raise funds for future mission’s trips. There is a box on the steel racks in the kitchen where you can drop them off. We need you cartridges!

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
THURSDAY	7:00 PM WIC Book Club (rm. 11)
NEXT SUNDAY	10:30 AM Worship

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