

# The Lord's Day

July 15, 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...*

*God of our fathers, known of old,  
Lord of our far-flung battle line,  
Beneath whose awful hand we hold  
Dominion over palm and pine—  
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget*

*Rudyard Kipling (1897)*

Prelude

*Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

arr. Drennan

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

## We praise our great God

\*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 96:1-4a, 6, 7 (ESV)

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD all the earth!

**Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised...Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

\*Hymn No. 40

*God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

Bethlehem

God is our refuge and our strength, our ever present aid,  
And therefore though the earth remove, we will not be afraid;  
Though hills amidst the sea be cast, though foaming waters roar,  
Yea, though the mighty billows shake the mountains on the shore.

A river flows whose streams make glad the city of our God,  
The holy place wherein the Lord Most High has his abode.  
Since God is in the midst of her, unmoved her walls shall stand,  
For God will be her early help, when trouble is at hand.

The nations raged, the kingdoms moved, but when his voice was heard,  
The troubled earth was stilled to peace before his mighty word.  
The Lord of Hosts is on our side, our safety to secure;  
The God of Jacob is for us a refuge strong and sure.

O come, behold what wondrous works Jehovah's hand has wrought;  
Come, see what desolation great he on the earth has brought.  
To utmost ends of all the earth he causes war to cease;  
The weapons of the strong destroyed, he makes abiding peace.

“Be still and know that I am God, o'er all exalted high;  
The subject nations of the earth my name shall magnify.”  
The Lord of Hosts is on our side, our safety to secure;  
The God of Jacob is for us a refuge strong and sure.

\*Invocation

**We embrace Christ our Savior**

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalms 66

(Hymnal pg. 807)

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

**Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!**

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

**"So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.**

"All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name."

**Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf!**

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot—come, let us rejoice in him.

**He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations—let not the rebellious rise up against him.**

Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard;

**he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.**

For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver.

**You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs.**

You let men ride over our heads;

**we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.**

I will come to your temple with burnt offerings and fulfill my vows to you—vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke when I was in trouble.

**I will sacrifice fat animals to you and an offering of rams; I will offer bulls and goats.**

Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.

**I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue.**

If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer.

**Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!**

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Isaiah 55:6, 7 (ESV)

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near;

**Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;**

Let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,

**And to our God for he will abundantly pardon.**

\*Confession of Faith (unison) Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 149; The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 115

Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God? **No man is able, either of himself, or by any grace received in this life, perfectly to keep the commandments of God; but doth daily break them, in thought, word, and deed.**

Why will God then have the ten commandments so strictly preached, since no man in this life can keep them? **First, that all our lifetime we may learn more and more to know our sinful nature, and thus become the more earnest in seeking the remission of sin and the righteousness in Christ; likewise, that we constantly endeavor and pray to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, that we may become more and more conformable to the image of God, till we arrive at the perfection proposed to us in a life to come.**

\*Hymn No. 32

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Runyan

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

There is no shadow of turning with thee;

Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;

As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!***

***Morning by morning new mercies I see:***

*all I have needed thy hand hath provided—  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 23 (ESV)

### **Joshua's Charge to Israel's Leaders**

**23** A long time afterward, when the LORD had given rest to Israel from all their surrounding enemies, and Joshua was old and well advanced in years, <sup>2</sup> Joshua summoned all Israel, its elders and heads, its judges and officers, and said to them, “I am now old and well advanced in years. <sup>3</sup> And you have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations for your sake, for it is the LORD your God who has fought for you. <sup>4</sup> Behold, I have allotted to you as an inheritance for your tribes those nations that remain, along with all the nations that I have already cut off, from the Jordan to the Great Sea in the west. <sup>5</sup> The LORD your God will push them back before you and drive them out of your sight. And you shall possess their land, just as the LORD your God promised you. <sup>6</sup> Therefore, be very strong to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, turning aside from it neither to the right hand nor to the left, <sup>7</sup> that you may not mix with these nations remaining among you or make mention of the names of their gods or swear by them or serve them or bow down to them, <sup>8</sup> but you shall cling to the LORD your God just as you have done to this day. <sup>9</sup> For the LORD has driven out before you great and strong nations. And as for you, no man has been able to stand before you to this day. <sup>10</sup> One man of you puts to flight a thousand, since it is the LORD your God who fights for you, just as he promised you. <sup>11</sup> Be very careful, therefore, to love the LORD your God. <sup>12</sup> For if you turn back and cling to the remnant of these nations remaining among you and make marriages with them, so that you associate with them and they with you, <sup>13</sup> know for certain that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations before you, but they shall be a snare and a trap for you, a whip on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good ground that the LORD your God has given you.

<sup>14</sup> “And now I am about to go the way of all the earth, and you know in your hearts and souls, all of you, that not one word has failed of all the good things that the LORD your God promised concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one of them has failed. <sup>15</sup> But just as all the good things that the LORD your God promised concerning you have been fulfilled for you, so the LORD will bring upon you all the evil things, until he has destroyed you from off this good land that the LORD your God has given you, <sup>16</sup> if you transgress the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods and bow down to them. Then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and you shall perish quickly from off the good land that he has given to you.”

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

*O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

arr. Young

***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 21

(Pew Bible, pg. 391)

**The King Rejoices in the LORD's Strength**

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

**21** O LORD, in your strength the king rejoices,  
and in your salvation how greatly he exults!

<sup>2</sup> You have given him his heart's desire  
and have not withheld the request of his lips. *Selah*

<sup>3</sup> For you meet him with rich blessings;  
you set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

<sup>4</sup> He asked life of you; you gave it to him,  
length of days forever and ever.

<sup>5</sup> His glory is great through your salvation;  
splendor and majesty you bestow on him.

<sup>6</sup> For you make him most blessed forever,<sup>[a]</sup>  
you make him glad with the joy of your presence.

<sup>7</sup> For the king trusts in the LORD,  
and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.

<sup>8</sup> Your hand will find out all your enemies;  
your right hand will find out those who hate you.

<sup>9</sup> You will make them as a blazing oven  
when you appear.

The LORD will swallow them up in his wrath,  
and fire will consume them.

<sup>10</sup> You will destroy their descendants from the earth,  
and their offspring from among the children of man.

<sup>11</sup> Though they plan evil against you,  
though they devise mischief, they will not succeed.

<sup>12</sup> For you will put them to flight;  
you will aim at their faces with your bows.

<sup>13</sup> Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength!  
We will sing and praise your power.

Sermon

"From Request to Rejoicing"

Pastor Bell

**We respond to God's grace**

\*Hymn No. 580

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

Lancashire

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;

Hence forth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home;  
Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong,  
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,  
But deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears;  
For gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears;  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:  
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

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

Danish  
Boyce

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\*Those who are able, please stand.

**There is a funeral service** at Parkview at 2 PM so please move your cars as quickly as possible after our service.

**Please pray for our Impact Team** as they return home tomorrow. 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

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Youth Bible Study (at the church)</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>WIC Book Club (rm. 11)</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>7-9:00 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group (at the church)</b>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>

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