

# The Lord's Day

July 29, 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...*

*Of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm is has been said, "there is no psalm in which the absence of all doubt, misgiving, fear [and] anxiety is so remarkable."  
J. J. Stewart Perowne*

Prelude

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*  
(Hymnal No. 611)

Spiritual

Stacia Gallagher, soprano  
Gloria Hague, Director of Music

## We praise our great God

\*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 34:1-3, 8 (ESV)

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

**Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

\*Hymn No. 1

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Old Hundredth

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

\*Invocation

## We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 65

(Hymnal pg. 807)

Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion;

**to you our vows will be fulfilled.**

O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come.

**When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.**

Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts!

**We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.**

You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas,

**who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength,**

who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.

**Those living far away fear your wonders; where morning dawns and evening fades you call forth songs of joy.**

You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

**The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.**

You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

**You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.**

The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

**The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.**

Assurance of Pardon (*responsive*)

Romans 8:35, 37-39 (ESV)

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

\*Hymn No. 599

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Bradbury

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;  
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are (2X).

We are thine; do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray (2X).

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee (2X).

Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still (2X).

\*Confession of Faith (*unison*)

The Belgic Confession, Art. 26, para. 1

**We believe that we have no access unto God but alone through the only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous,<sup>1</sup> who therefore became man, having united in one person the divine and human natures, that we men might have access to the divine Majesty, which access would otherwise be barred against us. But this Mediator, whom the Father hath appointed between Him and us, ought in no wise affright us by His majesty, or cause us to seek another according to our fancy.<sup>2</sup> For there is no creature, either in heaven or on earth, who loveth us more than Jesus Christ<sup>3</sup>...**

<sup>1</sup> 1 Tim. 2:5; 1 Jn 2:1; Rom. 8:33    <sup>2</sup> Hos. 13:9; Jer. 2:13, 33

<sup>3</sup> Jn 10:11; 1 Jn 4:10; Rom. 5:8; Eph. 3:19; Jn 15:13

Mission's Report

Linda Karner, MTW Japan

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 24:16-32 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, <sup>17</sup> for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup> And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

<sup>19</sup> But Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. <sup>20</sup> If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good.” <sup>21</sup> And the people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve the LORD.” <sup>22</sup> Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” <sup>23</sup> He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel.” <sup>24</sup> And the people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey.” <sup>25</sup> So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem.

<sup>26</sup> And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone and set it up there under the terebinth that was by the sanctuary of the LORD. <sup>27</sup> And Joshua said to all the people, “Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD that he spoke to us. Therefore it shall be a witness against you, lest you deal falsely with your God.” <sup>28</sup> So Joshua sent the people away, every man to his inheritance.

### **Joshua’s Death and Burial**

<sup>29</sup> After these things Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being 110 years old.

<sup>30</sup> And they buried him in his own inheritance at Timnath-serah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, north of the mountain of Gaash.

<sup>31</sup> Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua and had known all the work that the LORD did for Israel.

<sup>32</sup> As for the bones of Joseph, which the people of Israel brought up from Egypt, they buried them at Shechem, in the piece of land that Jacob bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for a hundred pieces of money. It became an inheritance of the descendants of Joseph.

<sup>33</sup> And Eleazar the son of Aaron died, and they buried him at Gibeah, the town of Phinehas his son, which had been given him in the hill country of Ephraim.

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

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
(Hymnal No. 457)

Nettleton

### ***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 23

(Pew Bible, pg. 392)

**A Psalm of David.**

**23** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

forever.

Sermon

“From Confrontation to Comfort”

Pastor Bell

**We respond to God's grace**

\*Hymn No. 56

*When All Your Mercies, O My God*

Manoah

When all your mercies, O My God, my rising soul surveys,  
Transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Unnumbered comforts to my soul your tender care bestowed,  
Before my infant heart conceived from whom those comforts flowed.

When worn with sickness, oft have you with health renewed my face;  
And when in sins and sorrows sunk, revived my soul with grace.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts my daily tanks employ;  
Nor is the least a cheerful heart that tastes those gifts with joy.

Through ev'ry period of my life your goodness I'll pursue;  
And after death, in distant worlds, the glorious theme renew.

Through all eternity to you a joyful song I'll raise;  
For oh, eternity's too short to utter all your praise.

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

Postlude

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Danish  
Beethoven

(Please remain quietly in your seats until the Postlude is concluded.)

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\*Those who are able, please stand.

**The Rev. Stephen Boon will be preaching next Sunday.**

**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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