

## *The Lord's Day*

August 19, 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...

*When Christ addresses a church that is failing in loyalty and obedience, he is to them the 'Amen' of God in faithfulness and in true witness, the only one who has absolute power over the world because he is the source and origin of all creation.*      **Alan Johnson**

Prelude

*Forest Green*

Vaughn Williams

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music Ministries

### **We praise our great God**

\*Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1-3a

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

**Why spend money on what is not bread, and [our] labor on what does not satisfy?**

Listen, listen to me and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me, hear me, that your soul may live.

\*Hymn No. 460

*Amazing Grace!*

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Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

\*Invocation

### **We embrace Christ our Savior**

Psalter Reading

Psalm 24 (Hymnal pg. 791)

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;  
**For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.**  
Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?  
**He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.**  
He will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God his Savior.  
**Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**  
Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.  
**Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord might in battle.**  
Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.  
**Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty he is the King of glory.**

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:4-9

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.

**And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,**  
in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

**For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God**  
not by works, so that no one can boast.

\*Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 54

How is Christ exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God?

**Christ is exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God, in that a God-man he is advanced to the highest favor with God the Father, with all fullness of joy, glory, and power over all things in heaven and earth; and doth gather and defend his church, and subdue their enemies; furnishes his ministers and people with gifts and graces, and makes intercession for them.**

\*Hymn No. 9(HMR)

*Alive in Christ*

Sola Gratia

I once was rebellious, corrupted by sin, pursuing the devil's dark path,  
Oblivious, dead to the state I was in, an object of God's dreadful wrath.

But God who is rich in compassion and love, not leaving my soul to the grave,  
Has given me life; born again from above, by God's sovereign grace I've been saved.

God lifted me up to the heavenly realms where seated with Christ I am free;  
In ages to come he will show me more grace—so great is his kindness to me.

Since grace is the source of the life that is mine—and faith is a gift from on high—  
I'll boast in my Savior, all merit decline, and glorify God 'til I die.

Yet now I am living with work to be done for I am God's workmanship too,  
Created in Christ with a race to be run, which God has ordained me to do.

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                      *There is a Fountain*                      Early American

### We hear God Speak

Text                                      Revelation 3:14-22                      (Pew Bible, pg. 869)

To the Church in Laodicea

14 “And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.

15 “‘I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! 16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. 17 For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. 18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. 19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. 21 The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. 22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

Sermon                                      “The Comfortable Church”                      Pastor Ceselsky

### We respond to God's Grace

\*Hymn No. 500                      *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*                      New City Fellowship

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law’s demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore. Amen.

Postlude                                      *Allegro*                                      Francheshini

\*Those who are able please stand.

**Youth Group families**, Tuesday is the deadline to RSVP for Crab Feast & Pool Party next Sunday

**Impact Team Reports** can be found in the narthex and on the church's website.

**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>6:30-8:30 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group Family Crab Feast &amp; Pool Party (Leubecker's)</b>

### COMING SOON

**September 9, Mission Lunch with The Rarigs**  
**September 16, Impact Pot-Luck Dinner**

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