

# *The Lord's Day*

November 4, 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...

*Such is God, the Holy One. Such is His throne of majesty. Tremble before Him, O earth and its inhabitants.*

**William Hendriksen**

Prelude

*Adagio*

Antonio Vivaldi

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of

Music Ministries

## **We praise our great God**

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 11:4,7

The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven;

**his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.**

For the Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds;

**the upright shall behold his face.**

\*Hymn No. 55

*To God Be The Glory*

To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

And opened the life gate that we may go in.

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!***

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!***

***O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,***

***And give him the glory, great things he has done!***

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To every believer the promise of God;

The vilest offended who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

\*Invocation

## **We embrace Christ our Savior**

Psalter Reading

Psalm 103 (Hymnal pg. 821)

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—**

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

**who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,**

who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.**

He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

**The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

**he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

**as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

**for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.**

As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field;

**the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.**

But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—

**with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.**

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,

**and his kingdom rules over all.**

Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

**Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.**

Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

**Praise the LORD, O my soul.**

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession,

**that [we] may proclaim the excellencies of him who called [us] out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;

**once [we] had not received mercy, but now [we] have received mercy.**

\*Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 1

What is the chief and highest end of man?

**Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him forever.**

\*Hymn No. 32

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Faithfulness

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!

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      *Christians, We Have Met to Worship*      arr. Larson

The Adult Choir

Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God. Will you pray with all your power as we seek the Living Word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down; Christians, pray, and God's great blessing will be showered all around. Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other too. Let us love and pray for others till our God makes all things new. When God calls us home to heaven at the table we sit down; There our loving Lord will serve us with great blessings all around. O worship the King; all glorious above; And gratefully sing God's wondrous love. Christians we have met to worship and adore the Lord, our God!

*The children may dismiss for church-time programs.*

**We hear God Speak in Word and Deed**

Text                                      Revelation 4:1-6a                                      (Pew Bible, pg. 869)

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." <sup>2</sup> At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. <sup>3</sup> And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. <sup>4</sup> Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. <sup>5</sup> From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings<sup>SM</sup> and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, <sup>6</sup> and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

Sermon                                      "God Is On His Throne"                                      Pastor Ceselsky

Hymn No. 420      *At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing*      St. George's Windsor

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;  
Praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,  
Gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty victor from the sky, powers of hell beneath thee lie;  
Death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;  
Holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

**We respond to God's Grace**

\*Hymn

*Before The Throne*

Sovereign Grace

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart (2X).

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of my guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me (2X).

Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless Righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of Glory and of Grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God (2X)

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

Danish

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Postlude

*Trumpet Tune*

John Stanley

\*Those who are able please stand.

**Operation Christmas Child** materials are on the table in the Narthex. The deadline to return your boxes is November 18.

**During Sunday School Hour** Angela Andrade has begun a new series on the Gospel and Racial Reconciliation. At the same time there is a Children's Bible Hour led by Gwen Cicone.

**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>TUESDAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Ladies’ and Men’s Bible Studies</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>6:30-8:30 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>

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