

The Lord's Day

November 25, 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...

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:7-10

Prelude

Nothing But the Blood

Quinn Rafferty, guitar
Mrs. Wendy Wickham, organist

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalms 8:1, 2, 9 (ESV)

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger...

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*Hymn No. 4 (vv. 1-3, 5)

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills,
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God with me.
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness;
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory!

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalms 112 & 113

(Hymnal pg. 826)

Praise the LORD.

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who finds great delight in his commands.

His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man.

Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice.

Surely he will never be shaken; a righteous man will be remembered forever.

He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes.

He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor, his righteousness endures forever; his horn will be lifted high in honor.

The wicked man will see and be vexed, he will gnash his teeth and waste away;

the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

Praise the LORD.

Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

he seats them with princes, with the princes of the people.

He settles the barren woman in her home as a happy mother of children.

Praise the LORD.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Colossians 3:1-4 (ESV)

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,

where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

For [we] have died, and [our] life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Confession of Faith, XXVI.2

Saints by profession are bound to maintain a holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, and in performing such other spiritual services as tend to their mutual edification;¹ as also in relieving each other in outward things, according to their several abilities and necessities. Which communion, as God offers opportunity, is to be extended unto all those who, in every place, call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.²

¹ Heb. 10:24, 25; Acts 2:42, 46; Isa. 2:3; 1 Cor. 11:20

² Acts 2:44, 45; 2 Cor. 8 & 9; 1 John 3:17; Acts 11:29, 30

*Hymn

Beneath the Cross

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Beneath the cross of Jesus, I find a place to stand;
And wonder at such mercy, that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me, hold wounds which tell me "come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one, through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps, where promised hope is found.

How great the joy before us—to be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus, We will gladly live our lives.

Old Testament Reading

Judges 4:11-24 (ESV)

¹¹ Now Heber the Kenite had separated from the Kenites, the descendants of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, and had pitched his tent as far away as the oak in (ZAY uh NAN im) Zaananim, which is near Kedesh.

¹² When Sisera was told that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor, ¹³ Sisera called out all his chariots, 900 chariots of iron, and all the men who were with him, from Harosheth-hagoyim to the river Kishon. ¹⁴ And Deborah said to Barak, “Up! For this is the day in which the LORD has given Sisera into your hand. Does not the LORD go out before you?” So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with 10,000 men following him. ¹⁵ And the LORD routed Sisera and all his chariots and all his army before Barak by the edge of the sword. And Sisera got down from his chariot and fled away on foot. ¹⁶ And Barak pursued the chariots and the army to Harosheth-hagoyim, and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; not a man was left.

¹⁷ But Sisera fled away on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. ¹⁸ And Jael came out to meet Sisera and said to him, “Turn aside, my lord; turn aside to me; do not be afraid.” So he turned aside to her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug. ¹⁹ And he said to her, “Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty.” So she opened a skin of milk and gave him a drink and covered him. ²⁰ And he said to her, “Stand at the opening of the tent, and if any man comes and asks you, ‘Is anyone here?’ say, ‘No.’” ²¹ But Jael the wife of Heber took a tent peg, and took a hammer in her hand. Then she went softly to him and drove the peg into his temple until it went down into the ground while he was lying fast asleep from weariness. So he died. ²² And behold, as Barak was pursuing Sisera, Jael went out to meet him and said to him, “Come, and I will show you the man whom you are seeking.” So he went in to her tent, and there lay Sisera dead, with the tent peg in his temple.

²³ So on that day God subdued Jabin the king of Canaan before the people of Israel. ²⁴ And the hand of the people of Israel pressed harder and harder against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

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

The children may dismiss for church-time programs.

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

(Pew Bible, pg. 820)

⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all

grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency (contentment) in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ By their approval of this service, they (you) will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

Sermon

“The Cheerful Giver”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 434

Lord, Thou Lov’st the Cheerful Giver

Beecher

Lord, thou lov’st the cheerful giver, who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.
Grant us then the grace of giving with a spirit large and free,
That our life and all our living we may consecrate to thee.

We are thin, thy mercy sought us, found us in death’s dreadful way,
To the fold in safety brought us, nevermore from thee to stray.
Thine own life thou freely gavest as an offering on the cross
For each sinner whom thou savest from eternal shame and loss.

Blest by thee with gifts and graces, may we heed thy church’s call;
Gladly in all times and places give to thee who givest all.
Thou hast bought us, and no longer can we claim to be our own;
Ever free and ever stronger, we shall serve thee, Lord, alone.

Savior, thou hast freely given all the blessings we enjoy,
Earthly store and bread of heaven, love and peace without alloy;
Humbly now we bow before thee, and our all to thee resign;
For the kingdom, pow’r, and glory, are, O Lord, forever thine.

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

Danish

*Those who are able, please stand.

The Children’s Sunday School program meets every week at 9:00 AM on the first floor of the education building. Please speak with Gwen Cicone if you have any questions. The Adults meet in room 11.

The Maryland State Boychoir will be presenting the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 16th at 4:00 PM, Saturday, December 22nd at 7:00 PM, and Sunday, December 23rd at 4:00 PM at the Boychoir Center for the Arts at 3400 Norman Avenue. Call 410-554-8644 for tickets and more information.

This Week at Aisquith

