

# The Lord's Day

January 27, 2019  
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...*

*[I]f you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding...* **Proverbs 2:3-6**

Prelude

Psalm 42

Genevan Psalter

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

## We praise our great God

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 40:1-4a (ESV)

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

**Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust...**

\*Hymn No. 92

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Ein' Feste Burg

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,  
And he must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; is rage we can endure,  
For lo! His doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them abideth;  
The spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

\*Invocation

## We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 34

(Hymnal pg. 796)

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

**My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

**I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.**

Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

**This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.**

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

**Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.**

Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.

**The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

**Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days,**

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.

**Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry;

**the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.**

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

**The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.**

A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;

**he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.**

Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned.

**The LORD redeems his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.**

Assurance of Pardon (unison)

Job 19:25-27a (ESV)

**For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.**

\*Confession of Faith (unison)

Belgic Confession, Article 13 (selected)

**We believe that God, after He had created all things, did not forsake them, or give them up to fortune or chance, but that He rules and governs them according to His holy will,<sup>1</sup> so that nothing happens in this world without His appointment;<sup>2</sup> nevertheless, God neither is the author of, nor can be charged with, the sins which are committed. For His power and goodness are so great and incomprehensible, that he orders and executes His work in the most excellent and just manner, even when devils and wicked men act unjustly<sup>3</sup>...He so restrains the devil and all our enemies that, without His will and permission, they cannot hurt us...**

<sup>1</sup> Jn 5:17; Heb 1:3; Prov. 16:4; Ps. 104:9; 139:2

<sup>2</sup> Jam. 4:15; Job 1:21; 1 Ki. 22:20; Acts 4:28; 1 Sam. 2:25; Ps. 115:3

<sup>3</sup> Matt. 8:31, 32; Jn 3:8

\*Hymn No. 95

*Though Troubles Assail Us*

Joanna

Though troubles assail us, and dangers affright,  
though friends should all fail us and foes all unite,  
yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,  
the promise assures us, "The Lord will provide."

The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed;  
from them let us learn to trust God for our bread.  
His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied  
So long as 'tis written, "The Lord will provide."

When Satan assails us to stop up our path,  
and courage all fails us, we triumph by faith.  
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,  
This heart-cheering promise, "The Lord will provide."

No strength of our own, and no goodness we claim;  
 yet, since we have known of the Savior's great name,  
 in this our strong tower for safety we hide:  
 the Lord is our power, "The Lord will provide."

Old Testament Reading

Judges 6:11-27 (ESV)

### **The Call of Gideon**

<sup>11</sup> Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup> And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor." <sup>13</sup> And Gideon said to him, "Please, my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian." <sup>14</sup> And the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to him, "Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." <sup>16</sup> And the LORD said to him, "But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man." <sup>17</sup> And he said to him, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, then show me a sign that it is you who speak with me." <sup>18</sup> Please do not depart from here until I come to you and bring out my present and set it before you." And he said, "I will stay till you return."

<sup>19</sup> So Gideon went into his house and prepared a young goat and unleavened cakes from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and brought them to him under the terebinth and presented them. <sup>20</sup> And the angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock, and pour the broth over them." And he did so. <sup>21</sup> Then the angel of the LORD reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes. And fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes. And the angel of the LORD vanished from his sight. <sup>22</sup> Then Gideon perceived that he was the angel of the LORD. And Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For now I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face." <sup>23</sup> But the LORD said to him, "Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not die." <sup>24</sup> Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and called it, The LORD Is Peace. To this day it still stands at Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites.

<sup>25</sup> That night the LORD said to him, "Take your father's bull, and the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it" <sup>26</sup> and build an altar to the LORD your God on the top of the stronghold here, with stones laid in due order. Then take the second bull and offer it as a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you shall cut down." <sup>27</sup> So Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the LORD had told him. But because he was too afraid of his family and the men of the town to do it by day, he did it by night.

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

*Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem*

Lyngham  
The Adult Choir

Sing, choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ...the paschal victory to hymn in songs of holy joy...! For Judah's Lion burst his chains and crushed the serpent's head...Christ cries aloud through death's domains to wake th'imprisoned dead...Triumphant in his glory now to him all pow'r is giv'n...to him in one communion bow all saints in earth and heaven...All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son...all glory to the Spirit be while endless ages run...

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

**We hear God speak**

Scripture Reading

Job 1

(Pew Bible, pg. 359)

**Job's Character and Wealth**

**1** There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. **2** There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. **3** He possessed 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, and 500 female donkeys, and very many servants, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east. **4** His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. **5** And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and consecrate them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.

**Satan Allowed to Test Job**

**6** Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan (the Accuser) also came among them. **7** The LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." **8** And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?" **9** Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for no reason? **10** Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

**11** But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." **12** And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

**Satan Takes Job's Property and Children**

**13** Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, **14** and there came a messenger to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, **15** and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." **16** While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you." **17** While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The Chaldeans formed three groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I

alone have escaped to tell you.” <sup>18</sup> While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, <sup>19</sup> and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”

<sup>20</sup> Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped.

<sup>21</sup> And he said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”

<sup>22</sup> In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

Sermon

“When Your World Falls Apart”

Pastor Bell

**We respond to God’s grace**

\*Hymn No. 691

*It Is Well with My Soul*

Ville Du Havre

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

**It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.**

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
“Even so”—it is well with my soul.

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

Danish

Postlude

*Marche*

G. F. Handel

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\*Those who are able, please stand.

**Today is the deadline** to submit an Impact application for the mission’s trip to Cherokee in July. It is also the deadline to order pizza’s to help support our team this summer (see insert).

**The Tuesday morning Women’s and Men’s Bible Studies** have begun again at 10:30 AM at the church.

**The Tuesday evening Women’s Bible Study** is using John McArthur’s Colossians & Philemon, at 7:00 PM and meets every other week.

**This Week at Aisquith**

**TODAY**

**10:30 AM Worship**

**6:30 PM Youth Group**

**TUESDAY**

**10:30 AM Ladies’ and Men’s Bible**

**Studies (at the church)**

**THURSDAY**            **7:30 PM**   **Choir practice**  
**SATURDAY**        **12-12:30 PM**   **Impact Pizza Pick Up**  
**SUNDAY**            **9:00 AM**   **Sunday School**  
                          **10:30 AM**   **Worship**  
  **No Youth Group Tonight**

**Coming Soon**

**Sunday, February 10, 2019**   **Congregational Meeting after Worship**  
  **Heavy Coffee Hour to follow the Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 6, 2019**   **Lenten Soup Supper and Service**

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