

# The Lord's Day

February 17, 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...*

*Job finds nothing wrong with what has happened to him... It is equally right for God to give gifts and to retrieve them; it is equally right for God to send good or evil. Receive is a good active word, implying cooperation with providence, not mere submission. Such positive faith is the magic stone that transmutes all to gold; for when the bad as well as the good is received at the hand of God, every experience of life becomes an occasion of blessing. But the cost is high. It is easier to lower your view of God than to raise your faith to such a height.*

*Dr. Frances I. Anderson*

Prelude

All Is God's Truth

Rotermund

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

## We praise our great God

Choral Introit

Holy Manna

arr. Fjerstad

Brethren we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God; Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word. All is vain unless the spirit of the Holy One comes down. Brethren, pray, and Holy manna will be showered all around!

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 147:1-3 (ESV)

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

**for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel,

**he heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

\*Hymn No. 345

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Haydn

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t' assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name:  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

\*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 39

(Hymnal pg. 798)

I said, "I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin;

**"I will put a muzzle on my mouth as long as the wicked are in my presence."**

But when I was silent and still, not even saying anything good, my anguish increased.

**My heart grew hot within me, and as I meditated, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue:**

"Show me, O LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life.

**"You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Each man's life is but a breath.**

"Man is a mere phantom as he goes to and fro: He bustles about, but only in vain; he heaps up wealth, not knowing who will get it.

**"But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you.**

"Save me from all my transgressions; do not make me the scorn of fools.

**"I was silent; I would not open my mouth, for you are the one who has done this.**

"Remove your scourge from me; I am overcome by the blow of your hand.

**"You rebuke and discipline men for their sin; you consume their wealth like a moth—each man is but a breath.**

"Hear my prayer, O LORD, listen to my cry for help:

**"be not deaf to my weeping.**

"For I dwell with you as an alien, a stranger, as all my fathers were.

**"Look away from me, that I may rejoice again before I depart and am no more."**

\*Confession of Faith (unison)

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 28

What advantage is it to us to know that God has created, and by His providence doth still uphold all things? **That we may be patient in adversity;<sup>1</sup> thankful in prosperity;<sup>2</sup> and that in all things, which may hereafter befall us, we place our firm trust in our faithful God and Father,<sup>3</sup> that nothing shall separate us from His love;<sup>4</sup> since all creatures are so in His hand, that without His will they cannot so much as move.<sup>5</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Rom. 5:3; Ps. 39:10    <sup>2</sup> Deut. 8:10; 1 Thes. 5:18    <sup>3</sup> Rom. 5:3-6    <sup>4</sup> Rom. 8:38, 39    <sup>5</sup> Job 1:12; 2:6; Matt. 8:31; Isa 10:15

\*Hymn No. 689

*Be Still, My Soul*

Finlandia

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in every change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; your God will undertake  
to guide the future as he has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,  
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
then shall you better know his love, his heart,  
who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.  
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay  
from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,

when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
 sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
 all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Old Testament Reading

Judges 6:36-40 (ESV)

### **The Sign of the Fleece**

<sup>36</sup> Then Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said, <sup>37</sup> behold, I am laying a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece alone, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said." <sup>38</sup> And it was so. When he rose early next morning and squeezed the fleece, he wrung enough dew from the fleece to fill a bowl with water. <sup>39</sup> Then Gideon said to God, "Let not your anger burn against me; let me speak just once more. Please let me test just once more with the fleece. Please let it be dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground let there be dew." <sup>40</sup> And God did so that night; and it was dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground there was dew.

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 Gift of Love*

American Folk Tune

arr. Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be giv'n by love with in, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come spirit come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole, let inward love, guide ev'ry deed, by this we worship and are freed. Amen.

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

### **We hear God speak**

Scripture Reading

Job 2

(Pew Bible, pg. 359)

### **Satan Attacks Job's Health**

**2** Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. <sup>2</sup> And 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." <sup>3</sup> 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? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason." <sup>4</sup> Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. <sup>5</sup> But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." <sup>6</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life."

<sup>7</sup> So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. <sup>8</sup> And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes.

<sup>9</sup> Then his wife said to him, “Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die.” <sup>10</sup> But he said to her, “You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?” (disaster) In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

### Job’s Three Friends

<sup>11</sup> Now when Job’s three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came each from his own place, Eliphaz the (TEE muhn ight) Temanite, Bildad the (SHOO hight) Shuhite, and Zophar the (NAY uh muh thight) Naamathite. They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him. <sup>12</sup> And when they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him. And they raised their voices and wept, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven. <sup>13</sup> And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

Sermon

“Just When You Thought the Worst Was Over”

Pastor Bell

### We respond to God’s grace

\*Hymn No. 707

*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

Elleside

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish ev’ry fond ambition, all I’ve sought or hope or known;  
Yet how rich is my condition, God and heav’n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior too;  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like man, untrue;  
And, while thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might,  
Foes may hate and friends may shun me; show thy face, and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, ‘twill but drive me to thy breast;  
Life with trials hard may press me, heav’n will bring me sweeter rest.  
O ‘tis not in grief to harm me while thy love is left to me;  
O ‘twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with thee.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation, rise o’er sin and fear and care;  
Joy to find in ev’ry station something still to do or bear;  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, what a Father’s smile is thine,  
What a Savior died to win thee: child of heav’n, shouldst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;  
Heav’n’s eternal day’s before thee, God’s own hand shall guide thee there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;  
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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

Postlude

*Fughetta*

Danish  
Boëllmann

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\*Those who are able, please stand.

Join The Maryland State Boychoir for the nineteenth annual **African American Celebration** on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Whitestone Baptist Church, 3001 Baker Street, Baltimore, MD 21216. This exhilarating cultural event features hymns, spirituals, and gospel songs interspersed with poetry and prose from the African-American tradition. The concert will feature the Tour, Concert and Treble Choirs and Young Men’s Chorus in a celebration honoring the vision and leadership of African-Americans in the arts. Free and open to the public.

Andrew Oswinkle will present a **Classical Guitar concert** at Aisquith on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.  
An offering will be taken.

### **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 (at the church)</b>
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Ladies' Bible Study (church (library)</b>
	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Session Meeting</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>

### **Coming Soon**

**Wednesday, March 6, 2019 Lenten Soup Supper and Service**  
**Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 3:00 PM Guitar Concert**  
**with Andrew Oswinkle**

**Rev. Robert E. Bell, Pastor**  
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