

# *The Lord's Day*

March 10, 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...*

*"The Lord is King! Who then shall dare  
Resist His will, distrust His care,  
Or murmur at His wise decrees,  
Or doubt His royal promises?"*

*Josiah Condor, 1789-1855*

Prelude

*Fugue BWV 1001*

J. S. Bach

Mr. Andrew Oswinkle

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

## **We praise our great God**

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3, 8 (ESV)

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

**Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

\*Hymn No. 2

*O Worship the King*

Lyons

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;  
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;  
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn you above,

The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

\*Invocation

**We embrace Christ our Savior**

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalms 143

(Hymnal pg. 837)

O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;

**in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.**

Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you.

**The enemy pursues me, he crushes me to the ground;**

he makes me dwell in darkness like those long dead.

**So my spirit grows faint within me; my heart within me is dismayed.**

I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done.

**I spread out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**

Answer me quickly, O LORD; my spirit fails.

**Do not hide your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit.**

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you.

**Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.**

Rescue me from my enemies, O LORD, for I hide myself in you.

**Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.**

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life; in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.

**In your unfailing love, silence my enemies; destroy all my foes, for I am your servant.**

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

1 John 1:8-2:2 (ESV)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.

**But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.**

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

\*Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 80

Can true believers be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace, and that they shall persevere therein unto salvation? **Such as truly believe in Christ, and endeavor to walk in all good conscience before Him,<sup>1</sup> may, without extraordinary revelation, by faith grounded upon the truth of God's promises, and by the Spirit enabling them to discern in themselves those graces to which the promises of life are made,<sup>2</sup> and bearing witness with their spirits that they are the children of God,<sup>3</sup> be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace, and shall persevere therein unto salvation.<sup>4</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> 1 Jn 2:3    <sup>2</sup> 1 Cor 2:12; 1 Jn 3:14, 18, 19, 21, 24; 4:13, 16; Heb. 6:11, 12    <sup>3</sup> Rom. 8:16    <sup>4</sup> 1 Jn 5:13

\*Hymn

*Before the Throne*

Bancroft/Cook  
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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)

Old Testament Reading

Judges 7:15-25 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> As soon as Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, he worshiped. And he returned to the camp of Israel and said, “Arise, for the LORD has given the host of Midian into your hand.” <sup>16</sup> And he divided the 300 men into three companies and put trumpets into the hands of all of them and empty jars, with torches inside the jars. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “Look at me, and do likewise. When I come to the outskirts of the camp, do as I do. <sup>18</sup> When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then blow the trumpets also on every side of all the camp and shout, ‘For the LORD and for Gideon.’”

### **Gideon Defeats Midian**

<sup>19</sup> So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just set the watch. And they blew the trumpets and smashed the jars that were in their hands. <sup>20</sup> Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars. They held in their left hands the torches, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow. And they cried out, “A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!” <sup>21</sup> Every man stood in his place around the camp, and all the army ran. They cried out and fled. <sup>22</sup> When they blew the 300 trumpets, the LORD set every man’s sword against his comrade and against all the army. And the army fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath. <sup>23</sup> And the men of Israel were called out from Naphtali and from Asher and from all Manasseh, and they pursued after Midian.

<sup>24</sup> Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, saying, “Come down against the Midianites and capture the waters against them, as far as Beth-barah, and also the Jordan.” So all the men of Ephraim were called out, and they captured the waters as far as Beth-barah, and also the Jordan. <sup>25</sup> And they captured the two princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. They killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they killed at the winepress of Zeeb. Then they pursued Midian, and they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon across the Jordan.

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

*Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring*

J.S. Bach

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

### **We hear God speak**

Scripture Reading

Job 8-10

(Pew Bible, pg. 363)

Sermon

“If Only There Was Someone to Arbitrate”

Pastor Bell

### **We respond to God’s grace**

\*Hymn No. 655

*O Safe to the Rock That Is Higher Than I*

Sankey

O safe to the Rock that is higher than I  
 My soul in its conflicts and sorrows would fly,  
 So sinful, so weary, thine, thine would I be;  
 Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in thee.

*Hiding in thee, hiding in thee—  
 Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in thee.*

In the calm of the noontide, in sorrow's lone hour,  
 In times when temptation casts o'er me its pow'r,  
 In the tempests of life, on its wide, heaving sea,  
 Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in thee.

How oft in the conflict, when pressed by the foe,  
 I have fled to my refuge and breathed out my woe!  
 How often when trials like sea billows roll,  
 Have I hidden in thee, O thou Rock of my soul!

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

Danish

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 \*Those who are able, please stand.

If you would like to place tulips in the sanctuary for Easter, please sign up in the book in the narthex.  
 April 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline and the cost is \$7.95.

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>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>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>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Guitar Concert</b>
	<b>6:30-8:30 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>

### Coming Soon

Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 3:00 PM Guitar Concert  
 by Andrew Oswinkle

Sunday, May 5, 2019 The National Christian Choir Concert

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