

The Lord's Day

March 24, 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...

He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

Isaiah 50:8-10

Prelude

Jerusalem

Parry

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1, 2, 8, 9 (ESV)

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble...

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men!

For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

*Hymn No. 700

Come, We That Love the Lord

St. Thomas

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.

Let those refuse to sing that never knew our God;
But children of the heav'nly King may speak their joys abroad.

The men of grace have found glory begun below;
Celestial fruits on earthly ground from faith and hope may grow.

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets,
Before we reach the heav'nly fields or walk the golden streets.

Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

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 (*responsive*)

Romans 5:1-4 (ESV)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

*Confession of Faith (*unison*)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 81

Are all true believers at all times assured that they are presently in the estate of grace, and that they shall be saved? **Assurance of grace and salvation not being of the essence of faith,¹ true believers may wait long before they obtain it;² and, after the enjoyment thereof, may have it weakened and intermitted, through manifold distempers, sins, temptations, and desertions;³ yet are they never left without such a presence and support of the Spirit of God as keeps them from sinking into utter despair.⁴**

¹ Eph. 1:13 ² Isa. 50:10; Ps. 88 ³ Ps. 77:1-12; 51:8, 12; 31:22; 22:1

⁴ 1 Jn 3:9; Job 13:15; Ps. 73:15, 23; Isa. 54:7-10

*Hymn No. 523

My Hope Is in the Lord

Wakefield

My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me,
And paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

***For me he died, for me he lives,
And everlasting life and light he freely gives.***

No merit of my own his anger to suppress,
My only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness.

And now for me he stands, before the Father's throne.
He shows his wounded hands, and names me as his own.

His grace has planned it all, 'tis mine but to believe,
And recognize his work of love and Christ receive.

Old Testament Reading

Judges 8:13-28 (ESV)

¹³ Then Gideon the son of Joash returned from the battle by the ascent of (hee ress) Heres. ¹⁴ And he captured a young man of Succoth and questioned him. And he wrote down for him the officials and elders of Succoth, seventy-seven men. ¹⁵ And he came to the men of Succoth and said, “Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, about whom you taunted me, saying, ‘Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna already in your hand, that we should give bread to your men who are exhausted?’” ¹⁶ And he took the elders of the city, and he took thorns of the wilderness and briers and with them taught the men of Succoth a lesson. ¹⁷ And he broke down the tower of Penuel and killed the men of the city.

¹⁸ Then he said to Zebah and Zalmunna, “Where are the men whom you killed at Tabor?” They answered, “As you are, so were they. Every one of them resembled the son of a king.” ¹⁹ And he said, “They were my brothers, the sons of my mother. As the LORD lives, if you had saved them alive, I would not kill you.” ²⁰ So he said to (JEE thur) Jether his firstborn, “Rise and kill them!” But the young man did not draw his sword, for he was afraid, because he was still a young man.

²¹ Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, “Rise yourself and fall upon us, for as the man is, so is his strength.” And Gideon arose and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and he took the crescent ornaments that were on the necks of their camels.

Gideon’s Ephod

²² Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, “Rule over us, you and your son and your grandson also, for you have saved us from the hand of Midian.” ²³ Gideon said to them, “I will not rule over you, and my son will not rule over you; the LORD will rule over you.” ²⁴ And Gideon said to them, “Let me make a request of you: every one of you give me the earrings from his spoil.” (For they had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.) ²⁵ And they answered, “We will willingly give them.” And they spread a cloak, and every man threw in it the earrings of his spoil. ²⁶ And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was 1,700 shekels of gold, besides the crescent ornaments and the pendants and the purple garments worn by the kings of Midian, and besides the collars that were around the necks of their camels. ²⁷ And Gideon made an ephod of it and put it in his city, in Ophrah. And all Israel whored after it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and to his family. ²⁸ So Midian was subdued before the people of Israel, and they raised their heads no more. And the land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon.

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

O Praise God in His Holiness

John Weldon

O Praise God in His holiness; praise Him in the firmament of His power. Praise Him in His noble acts, praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet; praise Him upon the lute and harp. Praise Him in the cymbals and dances; praise Him upon the strings and pipe. Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD.

The children may dismiss for church-time programs.

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Job 12-14

(Pew Bible, pg. 365)

Sermon

“Though He Slay Me, Yet Will I Trust Him, II”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 706

Jesus Lives, and So Shall I

Crüger

Jesus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone forever!
 He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sever.
 He shall raise me from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives, and reigns supreme; and, his kingdom still remaining,
 I shall also be with him, ever living, ever reigning.
 God has promised; be it must: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives, and by his grace, vict'ry o'er my passions giving,
 I will cleanse my heart and ways, ever to his glory living.
 Me he raises from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can sever,
 life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, henceforth forever.
 None of all his saints is lost: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives and death is now but my entrance into glory.
 Courage, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life before thee;
 thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Jesus is the Christian's trust.

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

Postlude

*God the Omnipotent*Danish
Russian Hymn

*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.

If you would like to place tulips in the sanctuary for Easter, please sign up in the book in the narthex. April 1st is the deadline and the cost is \$8:50.

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 your cartridges!

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY	10:30 AM	Worship
	6:30-8:30 PM	Youth Group
TUESDAY	10:30 AM	Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies (at the church)
	7:00 PM	Ladies' Bible Study (church library)
	7:30 PM	Session Meeting
THURSDAY	7:30 PM	Choir practice
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship
	6:30-8:30 PM	Youth Group

Coming Soon

**Thursday, April 18, 2019 Maundy Thursday Service
at 7:00 PM at LRPC**

**Friday, April 19, 2019 Good Friday Service
at 7:00 PM at Aisquith**

Sunday, May 5, 2019 The National Christian Choir Concert

Rev. Robert E. Bell, Pastor

Rev. John E. Ceselsky, Assistant Pastor

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