

# *The Lord's Day*

March 31, 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...*

*Ye pilgrims of Zion and chosen of God Whose spirits are filled with dismay,  
Since ye have eternal redemption through blood, Ye cannot but hold on your way.  
They may in the storms of temptation be tossed, Their sorrows may swell as the sea,  
But none of the ransomed shall ever be lost, The Righteous shall hold on the way.*

Henry Fowler

Prelude

*Thanks Be to Thee*

G. F. Handel

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

## **We praise our great God**

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 31:1-5 (ESV)

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!

**Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!**

For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me; you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

**Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

\*Hymn No. 53

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Lobe Den Herren

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,  
Spreading his wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly for e'er we adore him.

\*Invocation

**We embrace Christ our Savior**

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 90

(Hymnal pg. 816)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men."

**For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.**

You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning—  
**though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.**

We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.

**You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

All our days pass away under your wrath;

**we finish your years with a moan.**

The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength;

**yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.**

Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

**Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

Relent, O LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

**May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.**

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us—

**yes, establish the work of our hands.**

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)

Second Helvetic Confession, VIII.1 (1566)

**Man was from the beginning created of God after the image of God, in righteousness and true holiness, good and upright; but by the instigation of the serpent and his own fault, falling from the goodness and uprightness, he became subject to sin, death and divers calamities; and such a one as he became by his fall, such are all his offspring, even subject to sin, death, and sundry calamities.**

\*Hymn No. 458

*What Tho' I Cannot Break My Chain*

Arlington

What tho' I cannot break my chain or e'er throw off my load,  
The things impossible to men are possible to God.

Who, who shall in thy presence stand, or match Omnipotence;  
Unfold the grasp of thy right hand and pluck the sinner thence?

Faith to be healed I fain would have, O might it now be giv'n,  
Thou canst, thou canst the sinner save, and make me meet for heav'n

Bound down with twice ten thousand ties, yet let me hear thy call;  
My soul in confidence shall rise, shall rise and break through all.

Thou canst o'ercome this heart of mine, thou wilt victorious prove;  
For everlasting strength is thine, and everlasting love.

Old Testament Reading

Judges 8:29-9:6 (ESV)

### **The Death of Gideon**

<sup>29</sup> Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and lived in his own house. <sup>30</sup> Now Gideon had seventy sons, his own offspring, for he had many wives. <sup>31</sup> And his concubine who was in Shechem also bore him a son, and he called his name Abimelech. <sup>32</sup> And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age and was buried in the tomb of Joash his father, at Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

<sup>33</sup> As soon as Gideon died, the people of Israel turned again and whored after the Baals and made Baal-berith their god. <sup>34</sup> And the people of Israel did not remember the LORD their God, who had delivered them from the hand of all their enemies on every side, <sup>35</sup> and they did not show steadfast love to the family of Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) in return for all the good that he had done to Israel.

### **Abimelech's Conspiracy**

**9** Now Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem to his mother's relatives and said to them and to the whole clan of his mother's family, <sup>2</sup> "Say in the ears of all the leaders of Shechem, 'Which is better for you, that all seventy of the sons of Jerubbaal rule over you, or that one rule over you?' Remember also that I am your bone and your flesh."

<sup>3</sup> And his mother's relatives spoke all these words on his behalf in the ears of all the leaders of Shechem, and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech, for they said, "He is our brother." <sup>4</sup> And they gave him seventy pieces of silver out of the house of Baal-berith with which Abimelech hired worthless and reckless fellows, who followed him. <sup>5</sup> And he went to his father's house at Ophrah and killed his brothers the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy men, on one stone. But Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left, for he hid himself. <sup>6</sup> And all the leaders of Shechem came together, and all Beth-millo, and they went and made Abimelech king, by the oak of the pillar at Shechem.

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 *Across the Lands You're the Word of God* Getty/Townend

You're the Word of God the Father, from before the world began. Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand. All creation holds together by the power of Your voice. Let the skies declare Your glory, let the land and seas rejoice! You're the Author of creation. **You're the Lord of ev'ry man; and Your cry of love rings out across the lands.** Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost, and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross. With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You calmed the sea. Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free... With a shout You rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave, and ascended into heaven leading captives in Your wake. Now You stand before the Father interceding for Your own. From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home...

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

**We hear God speak**

Scripture Reading  
Sermon

Job 15-17  
“My Witness Is in Heaven”

(Pew Bible, pg. 367)  
Pastor Bell

**We respond to God’s grace**

\*Hymn No. 457

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Nettleton

Come, thou fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand’ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:  
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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

Postlude

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Danish  
arr. Kerrick

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

**The Canticle Singers’ Spring Concerts** will be held on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Church of the Resurrection, 11525 Greenspring Ave. in Lutherville, and on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 Carrollton Ave. in Towson. An offering will be taken at each performance. For more information, please call 410-292-2576. Wendy Wickham, Director.

**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>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Soup and Salad</b>
	<b>7:15 PM</b>	<b>Service</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 and the Lord’s Supper</b>
	<b>6:30-8:30 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>

**Coming Soon**

**Thursday, April 18, 2019 Maundy Thursday Service  
at 7:00 PM at Loch Raven PC**

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

**Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 6:00 PM  
The National Christian Choir's, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Concert  
here at Aisquith**

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