

The Lord's Day

May 12, 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...

Jesus did not complain about experiencing death when he deserved life—all so we could have life when we deserved death... If he didn't complain when he received a life infinitely worse than he deserved, why should we complain when all of us get a life infinitely better than we deserve.

Tim Keller

Prelude

Bist du bei Mir
Minuet in G

J. S. Bach
Petzold
Flute Ensemble
Gloria Hague, Director of Music

We praise our great God

Choral Introit

A Christian Home

Finlandia

O give us homes with godly fathers, mothers, who always place their hope and trust in him; whose tender patience turmoil never bothers, whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim: a home where each finds joy in serving others, and love still shines, tho' days be dark and grim.

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 145:18; Isa 55:6, 7

The LORD is near to all who call on him,

to all who call on him in truth.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call on him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him,

and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

*Hymn No. 17

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him

Faben

Praise the Lord: ye heav'ns adore him; praise him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him; praise him all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken; worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
Laws which never shall be broken for their guidance hath he made.

Praise the Lord, for he is glorious; never shall his promise fail:
God hath made his saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation; hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;
Heav'n and earth and all creation, laud and magnify his name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto thee;
Young and old, thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heav'n adore thee; we would bow before thy throne:
As thine angels serve before thee, so on earth thy will be done.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

The Law of God

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” **Matt. 22:37-40**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (unison)

The Heidelberg Catechism, Qs. 59, 60

Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God’s commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I have never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

*Hymn No. 255

O Jesus, We Adore Thee

Meirionydd

O Jesus, we adore thee, upon the cross, our King!
 We bow our hearts before thee, thy gracious name we sing.
 That name hath brought salvation, that name in life our stay,
 Our peace, our consolation, when life shall fade away.

Yet doth the world disdain thee, still passing by the cross;
 Lord, may our hearts retain thee; all else we count but loss.
 Ah, Lord, our sins arraigned thee, and nailed thee to the tree:
 Our pride, our Lord, disdained thee; yet deign our hope to be.

O glorious King, we bless thee, no longer pass thee by;
 O Jesus, we confess thee, the Son enthroned on high.
 Lord, grant to us remission; life through thy death restore;
 Yea, grant us the fruition of life forevermore.

Old Testament Reading

Judges 9:42-57

(Pew Bible, pg. 178)

⁴² On the following day, the people went out into the field, and Abimelech was told. ⁴³ He took his people and divided them into three companies and set an ambush in the fields. And he looked and saw the people coming out of the city. So he rose against them and killed them. ⁴⁴ Abimelech and the company that was with him rushed forward and stood at the entrance of the gate of the city, while the two companies rushed upon all who were in the field and killed them. ⁴⁵ And Abimelech fought against the city all that day. He captured the city and killed the people who were in it, and he razed the city and sowed it with salt.

⁴⁶ When all the leaders of the Tower of Shechem heard of it, they entered the stronghold of the house of Elberith. ⁴⁷ Abimelech was told that all the leaders of the Tower of Shechem were gathered together. ⁴⁸ And Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, he and all the people who were with him. And Abimelech took an axe in his hand and cut down a bundle of brushwood and took it up and laid it on his shoulder. And he said to the men who were with him, “What you have seen me do, hurry and do as I have done.” ⁴⁹ So every one of the people cut down his bundle and following Abimelech put it against the stronghold, and they set the stronghold on fire over them, so that all the people of the Tower of Shechem also died, about 1,000 men and women.

⁵⁰ Then Abimelech went to Thebez and encamped against Thebez and captured it. ⁵¹ But there was a strong tower within the city, and all the men and women and all the leaders of the city fled to it and shut themselves in, and they went up to the roof of the tower. ⁵² And Abimelech came to the tower and fought against it and drew near to the door of the tower to burn it with fire. ⁵³ And a certain woman threw an upper millstone on Abimelech’s head and crushed his skull. ⁵⁴ Then he called quickly to the young man his armor-bearer and said to him, “Draw your sword and kill me, lest they say of me, ‘A woman killed him.’” And his young man thrust him through, and he died. ⁵⁵ And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, everyone departed to his home. ⁵⁶ Thus God returned the evil of Abimelech, which he committed

against his father in killing his seventy brothers. ⁵⁷ And God also made all the evil of the men of Shechem return on their heads, and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

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

When I Honor You

Ruth Elaine Schram

When I honor you, God is lifted up; when I cheerfully obey... God is pleased and God is praised. When I honor you as my mother as a gift from God above, God is pleased with me and our family, and He blesses us with heaven's grace and love. As we grow to be like Jesus, as you train us in His ways, may our homes be a place where Jesus reigns and where His name is praised! When we honor You as a family, when we care for one another in Your name... You are pleased and You are praised. When we honor You, Lord and Savior, as we seek Your holy face, we pray the world will see in our family a reflection of Your grace

The children may dismiss for church-time programs.

We hear God speak in Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

Job 25 & 26

(Pew Bible, pg. 373)

Sermon

"The Glory and Majesty"

Pastor Bell

Hymn

We Come as Guests Invited

Tune No. 140

We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,
His friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;
The bread of life is broken, the wine is freely poured
For us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,
And in our hearts believing on Him by faith we feed;
With wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
We find in Jesus living our ever present friend.

One bread is ours for sharing, one single, fruitful vine,
Our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine—
Renewed, sustained and given by token, sign and word,
The pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Supper

We respond to God's grace

*Hymn No. 431

A Parting Hymn We Sing

Schumann

A parting hymn we sing around your table, Lord;
Again our grateful tribute bring, our solemn vows record.

Here have we seen your face, and felt your presence here;
So may the savor of your grace in word and life appear.

We're purchased by your blood, by sin no longer let;
The path our dear Redeemer trod may we rejoicing tread.

In self-forgetting love he our communion shown,
Until we join the church above, and know as we are known.

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

Danish
 Vivaldi

 *Those who are able, please stand.

Nursery Attendants: TODAY, Karen Wallace; NEXT WEEK, May 19th, Lydia Komenda.

Our thanks to Elizabeth Beer-Shilling and Teresa Deckard for their musical contribution in honor of Mother's Day.

We welcome all those who are trusting Jesus Christ alone for salvation, who are members in good standing of a congregation that proclaims the gospel of Jesus, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live in deeper communion with Jesus, to partake of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. If you are not a Christian, or if you are consciously resisting God's loving authority over your life, we encourage you to refrain from participating and instead spend this time in personal prayer.

Volunteers are desperately needed to occasionally provide meals to folk who are sick or recovering from surgery. If you can help with this important ministry please speak to or call Mary Ann Kauffman at 410-560-3860.

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 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America will be held June 25-27th in Dallas, Texas. Pray for the staff of the Administrative Committee as they finalize plans and logistics. Pray for the commissioners, both Teaching and Ruling Elders, as they travel to Dallas and participate in the business of the church. Pray that in all we do God is glorified and the truth of the Gospel is proclaimed.

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY	10:30 AM Worship
TUESDAY	7:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study
THURSDAY	No Choir practice this week!
SUNDAY	9:00 AM Sunday School
	10:30 AM Worship
	6:30 PM Youth Group

Coming Soon

Saturday, May 18th Church Work Day

Saturday, June 29th Impact Yard Sale (see insert)

Rev. Robert E. Bell, Pastor
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