

The Lord's Day

June 23, 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...

Wisdom is not the ability to find all the puzzle pieces and put them back together so that you life makes sense, but real wisdom is trusting God even, and especially, when the pieces don't fit. Joni Eareckson Tada

Prelude

Prelude #1 (from Cello Suite)

J. S. Bach
Renee Audette, violin
Mrs. Wendy Wickham, Organist

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 103:1-5; 23b (ESV)

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

*Hymn No. 347

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

The church's One foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 104:24-35

(Hymnal pg. 823)

How many are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small.

There the ships go to and fro and the leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

When you give it to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

When you hide your face, they are terrified;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to dust.

When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—

he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.

But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Praise the LORD.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Colossians 2:13-15 (ESV)

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,

by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in [Christ].

Confession Faith (unison)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 193 (edited)

What do we pray for in the third petition [of the Lord's Prayer]?

[When we pray "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" we acknowledge] that by nature we and all men are not only utterly unable and unwilling to know and do the will of God, but prone to rebel against His Word, to repine and murmur against His providence, and wholly inclined to do the will of the flesh, and of the devil. We pray, that God would...by His grace make us able and willing to know, do, and submit to His will in all thing...

*Hymn

*Holy Spirit*Getty and Townend
CCLI Lic. No. 944471Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

Old Testament Reading

Judges 11:29-40

(Pew Bible, pg. 179)

Jephthah's Tragic Vow

²⁹ Then the Spirit of the LORD was upon Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh and passed on to Mizpah of Gilead, and from Mizpah of Gilead he passed on to the Ammonites.

³⁰ And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD and said, "If you will give the Ammonites into my hand, ³¹ then whatever^[whoever] comes out from the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the Ammonites shall be the LORD's, and I will offer it^[him] up for a burnt offering."

³² So Jephthah crossed over to the Ammonites to fight against them, and the LORD gave them into his hand. ³³ And he struck them from (uh ROH ur) Aroer to the neighborhood of (MIN ith) Minnith, twenty cities, and as far as (AY bel-KER uh mim) Abel-keramim, with a great blow. So the Ammonites were subdued before the people of Israel.

³⁴ Then Jephthah came to his home at Mizpah. And behold, his daughter came out to meet him with tambourines and with dances. She was his only child; besides her he had neither son nor daughter. ³⁵ And as soon as he saw her, he tore his clothes and said, "Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low, and you have become the cause of great trouble to me. For I have opened my mouth to the LORD, and I cannot take back my vow." ³⁶ And she said to him, "My father, you have opened your mouth to the LORD; do to me according to what has gone out of your mouth, now that the LORD has avenged you on your enemies, on the Ammonites." ³⁷ So she said to her father, "Let this thing be done for me: leave me alone two months, that I may go up and down on the mountains and weep for my virginity, I and my companions." ³⁸ So he said, "Go." Then he sent her away for two months, and she departed, she and her companions, and wept for her virginity on the mountains. ³⁹ And at the end of two months, she returned to her father, who did with her according to his vow that he had made. She had never known a man, and it became a custom in Israel ⁴⁰ that the daughters of Israel went year by year to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in the year.

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

Lord Jesus Christ (from prayers of Kierkegaard)

Samuel Barber

Cecile Audette, soprano

The children may dismiss for church-time programs.

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Job 40, 41

(Pew Bible, pg. 382)

Sermon

"I Lay My Hand on My Mouth"

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

*Hymn No. 156

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

St. Theodulph

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?

Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!

O kindle, Lord Most Holy, your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

Love caused your incarnation, love brought you down to me;
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace,
In love all love excelling, our lost and fallen race!

Rejoice, then, you sad hearted, who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn o'er joys departed and tremble at your doom.
Despair not, he is near you, yea, standing at the door,
Who best can help and cheer you and bids you weep no more.

Sin's debt, that fearful burden, let not your souls distress;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon and cover by his grace.
He comes, for men procuring the peace of sin forgiv'n,
For all God's sons securing their heritage in heaven.

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

Danish

*Those who are able, please stand.

Nursery Attendants: TODAY, Angela Andrade; NEXT WEEK, June 30th, Mary Ann Kauffman.

There will be no Sunday School classes until after Labor Day.

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
	6:30 PM Youth Group
THURSDAY	7-8:30 PM WIC Book Club
SATURDAY	8 AM to 2 PM Impact Yard Sale
SUNDAY	10:30 AM Worship
	6:30 PM Youth Group

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