

The Lord's Day

September 15, 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...

You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.

Psalm 104:14, 15

Prelude

Mr. Scott Engel

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 105:1-4 (ESV)

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

*Hymn No. 300

Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power

O Quanta Qualia

Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore
Give ye to him who our battle hath won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Soundeth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name;
Ringeth the earth with his glory and fame;
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower
Echo his praises and tell of his power.

Ever ascendeth the song and the joy;
Ever descendeth the love from on high;
Blessing and honor and glory and praise—
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 16

(Hymnal pg. 788)

Keep me safe, O God,

for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."

As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.

The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods.

I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips.

LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

*Assurance of Pardon

James 1:2-8 (ESV)

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,

For [we] know that the testing of [our] faith produces steadfastness.

And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

Confession Faith (unison)

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 36

What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification? **The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience,¹ joy in the Holy Ghost,² increase of grace,³ and perseverance therein to the end.⁴**

¹ Rom. 5:1, 2, 5 ² Rom. 14:17 ³ Prov. 4:18 ⁴ 1 Jn 5:13; 1 Pe. 1:5

*Hymn No. 164

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Old Testament Reading

Judges 16:1-20

(Pew Bible, pg. 182)

Samson and Delilah

16 Samson went to Gaza, and there he saw a prostitute, and he went in to her. ² The Gazites were told, "Samson has come here." And they surrounded the place and set an ambush for him all night at the gate of the city. They kept quiet all night, saying, "Let us wait till the light of the morning; then we will kill him." ³ But Samson lay till midnight, and at midnight he arose and took hold of the doors of the gate of the city and the two posts, and pulled them up, bar and all, and put them on his shoulders and carried them to the top of the hill that is in front of Hebron.

⁴ After this he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. ⁵ And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, “Seduce him, and see where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him, that we may bind him to humble him. And we will each give you 1,100 pieces of silver.” ⁶ So Delilah said to Samson, “Please tell me where your great strength lies, and how you might be bound, that one could subdue you.”

⁷ Samson said to her, “If they bind me with seven fresh bowstrings that have not been dried, then I shall become weak and be like any other man.” ⁸ Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh bowstrings that had not been dried, and she bound him with them. ⁹ Now she had men lying in ambush in an inner chamber. And she said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” But he snapped the bowstrings, as a thread of flax snaps when it touches the fire. So the secret of his strength was not known.

¹⁰ Then Delilah said to Samson, “Behold, you have mocked me and told me lies. Please tell me how you might be bound.” ¹¹ And he said to her, “If they bind me with new ropes that have not been used, then I shall become weak and be like any other man.” ¹² So Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them and said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” And the men lying in ambush were in an inner chamber. But he snapped the ropes off his arms like a thread.

¹³ Then Delilah said to Samson, “Until now you have mocked me and told me lies. Tell me how you might be bound.” And he said to her, “If you weave the seven locks of my head with the web and fasten it tight with the pin, then I shall become weak and be like any other man.” ¹⁴ So while he slept, Delilah took the seven locks of his head and wove them into the web. And she made them tight with the pin and said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” But he awoke from his sleep and pulled away the pin, the loom, and the web.

¹⁵ And she said to him, “How can you say, ‘I love you,’ when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and you have not told me where your great strength lies.” ¹⁶ And when she pressed him hard with her words day after day, and urged him, his soul was vexed to death. ¹⁷ And he told her all his heart, and said to her, “A razor has never come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother’s womb. If my head is shaved, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak and be like any other man.”

¹⁸ When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, “Come up again, for he has told me all his heart.” Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hands. ¹⁹ She made him sleep on her knees. And she called a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him. ²⁰ And she said, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” And he awoke from his sleep and said, “I will go out as at other times and shake myself free.” But he did not know that the LORD had left him.

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

The children may dismiss for church-time programs.

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

John 2:1-11

(Pew Bible, pg. 751)

The Wedding at Cana

2 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the

mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.”⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.”⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.⁸ And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it.⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.”¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Sermon “Wine That Gladdens the Heart” Pastor Bell

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 645 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* St. Agnes

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mem’ry find,
A sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.

O Hope of ev’ry contrite heart, O Joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show:
The love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize will be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

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

*Those who are able, please stand.

Nursery Attendants: TODAY, Janet Johnson; NEXT WEEK, Sept. 22nd, Shannon Bell.

Sunday School has begun again! The Adults are considering “The Biblical Response to the Social Justice Movements” for the month of September, led by Angela Andrade. Please join us at 9:00 AM!

Loch Raven Presbyterian Church will be holding a Missions’ Conference the weekend of September 21-22nd. They have invited us to attend. There are schedules of events on the narthex table. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact their church office at 410-661-5777.

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY 10:30 AM Worship
**TUESDAY 10:30 AM Ladies’ and Men’s Bible
Studies (at Aisquith)**
7:30 PM Session Meeting
SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship
Coffee Hour

Coming Soon

**Sunday, September 22nd Coffee Hour after worship
Sponsored by the Deaconesses**

**Saturday, September 28th 2-8:00 PM
Fellowship Cookout and Open House at the Ceselsky's
(see insert to sign up)**

**Sunday, October 27th 10:30 AM: Dr. D. Ralph Davis
will be preaching in our morning service
and at the joint Reformation Day Service at 6:00 PM**

**Sunday, November 17th Calvin & Geeta Taylor
will be with us for a luncheon and mission's report after worship**

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