

The Lord's Day

September 22, 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...

For affliction does not come from the dust, nor does trouble sprout from the ground, but man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward. **Job 5:6, 7**

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship

Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV)

Come to me, all who labor and are heaven laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

*Hymn No. 168

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
Reigning omnipotent in every place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;
Shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,
strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.

Thou has the true and perfect gentleness,
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee
and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;
Our faith is built upon thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure
That we can boldly conquer and endure.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 50:1-15

(Hymnal pg. 803)

The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where its sets.

From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages.

He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:

“Gather to me my consecrated ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”

And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

“Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you: I am God, your God.

“I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.

“I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens.

“for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

“I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine.

“If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.

“Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

“Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High.

“and call upon me in the day of trouble;

“I will deliver you, and you will honor me.”

Assurance of Pardon

James 1:16-18 (ESV)

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures.

Confession Faith (unison)

Westminster Confession of Faith, 14.2 (A Contemporary Edition, ed. REB)

Through faith, a Christian believes to be true what God reveals in his Word. God speaks with his own authority from the Word. This produces new behavior resulting from obedience to the teaching of each particular text. Faith generates godly fear at the warnings of Scripture while encouraging us to embrace God’s promises for this life and life eternal. The essential actions of faith are accepting, receiving and resting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation by grace alone.

*Hymn No. 7 (HMR)

Come to the Waters

Boice/Jones

Come to the waters, whoever is thirsty;
 Drink from the Fountain that never runs dry.
 Jesus, the Living One, offers you mercy,
 Life more abundant in boundless supply.

Come to the River that flows through the city,
 Forth from the throne of the Father and Son.
 Jesus the Savior says, “Come and drink deeply,”
 Drink from the pure, inexhaustible One.

Come to the Fountain without any money;
 Buy what is given without any cost.
 Jesus the gracious One, welcomes the weary;
 Jesus the selfless One, died for the lost.

Come to the Well of unmerited favor;
 Stretch out your hand, fill your cup to the brim.
 Jesus is such a compassionate Savior.
 Draw from the grace that flows freely from him.

Come to the Savior, the God of Salvation.
 God has provided an end to sin’s strife.
 Why will you suffer the Law’s condemnation?
 Take the free gift of the water of life.

Old Testament Reading

Judges 16:21-31

(Pew Bible, pg. 183)

²¹ And the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes and brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles. And he ground at the mill in the prison. ²² But the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

The Death of Samson

²³ Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to rejoice, and they said, "Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand." ²⁴ And when the people saw him, they praised their god. For they said, "Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us." ²⁵ And when their hearts were merry, they said, "Call Samson, that he may entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he entertained them. They made him stand between the pillars. ²⁶ And Samson said to the young man who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them." ²⁷ Now the house was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about 3,000 men and women, who looked on while Samson entertained.

²⁸ Then Samson called to the LORD and said, "O Lord GOD, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes." ²⁹ And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. ³⁰ And Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines." Then he bowed with all his strength, and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he had killed during his life. ³¹ Then his brothers and all his family came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had judged Israel twenty years.

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 4:43-54

(Pew Bible, pg. 753)

Jesus Heals an Official's Son

⁴⁶ So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. ⁴⁷ When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ So Jesus said to him, "Unless you^[plural] see signs and wonders you will not believe." ⁴⁹ The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. ⁵¹ As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. ⁵² So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour^[1 PM] the fever left him." ⁵³ The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. ⁵⁴ This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

Sermon

"How Faith Grows"

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

*Hymn No. 676

Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment

Ahnfelt

Day by day and with each passing moment,
 Strength I find to meet my trials here;
 Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
 I've no cause for worry or for fear.
 He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
 Gives unto each day what he deems best—
 Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
 Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord himself is near me
 With a special mercy for each hour;
 All my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me,
 He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r.
 The protection of his child and treasure
 Is a charge that on himself he laid;
 "As your days, your strength shall be in measure,"
 This the pledge to me he made.

Help me then in every tribulation
 So to trust your promises, O Lord,
 That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
 Offered me within your holy Word.
 Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
 E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
 One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
 Till I reach the promised land

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

Danish

 *Those who are able, please stand.

Nursery Attendants: TODAY, Shannon Bell; NEXT WEEK, Sept. 29nd, Lydia Komenda.

Sunday School has begun again! The Adults are considering "The Biblical Response to the Social Justice Movements" led by Angela Andrade. Please join us at 9:00 AM!

If you would be willing to help set up for the Lord's Supper there is a sign-up sheet for 2020 on the narthex table. If you've never set up before, help and directions are available.

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY	10:30 AM	Worship Coffee Hour
TUESDAY	10:30 AM	Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies (at Aisquith)
	7:00 PM	Ladies' Bible Study (at Aisquith)
SATURDAY	2-8:00 PM	Fellowship Cookout and Open House (Ceselsky's)
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship

Coming Soon

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 here at Aisquith

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

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