

The Lord's Day

November 24, 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...

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.
(ESV) **Proverbs 3:9, 10**

Prelude

Mr. Scott Engel

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-3, 6, 7 (ESV)

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods... Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*Hymn No. 32

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Runyan

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 115

(Hymnal pg. 827)

Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.

Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?"

Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

But their idols are silver and gold, made by the hands of men.

They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but they cannot see;

They have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but they cannot smell;

They have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but they cannot walk; nor can they utter a sound with their throats.

Those who make them will be like them,

and so will all who trust in them.

O house of Israel, trust in the LORD—he is their help and shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD—he is their help and shield.

You who fear him, trust in the LORD—he is their help and shield.

The LORD remembers us and will bless us:

He will bless the house of Israel, he will bless the house of Aaron,

He will bless those who fear the LORD—small and great alike.

May the LORD make you increase, both you and your children.

May you be blessed by the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

The highest heavens belong to the LORD, but the earth he has given to man.

It is not the dead who praise the LORD, those who go down to silence;

It is we who extol the LORD, both now and forevermore.

Silent Confession of Sins

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 14:7-12 (ESV)

For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living...For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Confession Faith (unison)

The Belgic Confession, Art. 1 (1561)

We all believe with the heart, and confess with the mouth, that there is one only simple and spiritual Being, which we call God; and that He is eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, immutable, infinite, almighty, perfectly wise, just, good and the overflowing fountain of all good.

*Hymn No. 523

My Hope Is in the Lord

Wakefield

My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me,
And paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

***For me he died, for me he lives,
And everlasting life and light he freely gives.***

No merit of my own his anger to suppress,
My only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness.

And now for me he stands, before the Father's throne.
He shows his wounded hands, and names me as his own.

His grace has planned it all, 'tis mine but to believe,
And recognize his work of love and Christ receive.

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

Malachi 3:6-12

(Pew Bible, pg. 676)

Robbing God

⁶“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ ⁸Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. ⁹You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. ¹⁰Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. ¹¹I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts. ¹²Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

Sermon

“Are You Robbing God?”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 320

Rejoice, All Ye Believers

Lancashire

Rejoice, all ye believers, and let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near:
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he draweth nigh;
Up, pray, and watch, and wrestle: at midnight comes the cry.

See that you lamps are burning; replenish them with oil;
And wait for your salvation, the end of earthly toil.
The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go meet him as he cometh, with alleluias clear.

Ye saints, who here in patience your cross and suff’rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever, when sorrow is no more:
Around the throne of glory the Lamb ye shall behold,
In triumph cast before him your diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, thou sun so longed for, o’er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth’s redemption that brings us unto thee.

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

Danish

Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

Nursery Attendants: TODAY, Christine Clark.

Today is the deadline to drop off your Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. They will be taken to the collection site tomorrow.

