

The Lord's Day

January 12, 2020
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...

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born from God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. *1 John 4:7, 8 (ESV)*

Prelude

I Worship You, Almighty God

Corbett-Wood, arr. Bennett
Mr. Scott Engel

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 100 (ESV)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn No. 2

O Worship the King

Lyons

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading

Psalm 63

(Hymnal pg. 807)

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.

Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.

My soul clings to you;

your right hand upholds me.

They who seek my life will be destroyed; they will go down to the depths of the earth.

They will be given over to the sword and become food for jackals.

But the king will rejoice in God;

all who swear by God's name will praise him, while the mouths of liars will be silenced.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1-4 (ESV)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For the law of the Spirit of life has set [us] free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do.

By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 67

What is effectual calling? **Effectual calling is the work of God's almighty power and grace, whereby (out of free and special love to his elect, and from nothing in them moving him thereunto) he doth, in his accepted time, invite and draw them to Jesus Christ, by his word and Spirit; savingly enlightening their minds, renewing and powerfully determining their wills, so as they (although in themselves dead in sin) are hereby made willing and able freely to answer his call, and to accept and embrace the grace offered and conveyed therein.**

*Hymn No. 254

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Martyrdom

Alas! and did my Savior bleed And did my Sovereign die?
 Would He devote that sacred Head For such a worm as I?

Was it for crimes that I have done He groaned up-on the tree?
 Amazing pity! Grace un-known! And love be-yond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in,
 When Christ, the great Creator died For man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,
 Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er re-pay The debt of love I owe:
 Here, Lord, I give my-self away—'Tis all that I can do.

Old Testament Reading

Judges 19:1-15

(Pew Bible, pg. 184)

A Levite and His Concubine

19 In those days, when there was no king in Israel, a certain Levite was sojourning in the remote parts of the hill country of Ephraim, who took to himself a concubine from Bethlehem in Judah. ² And his concubine was unfaithful to him, and she went away from him to her father's house at Bethlehem in Judah, and was there some four months. ³ Then her husband arose and went after her, to speak kindly to her and bring her back. He had with him his servant and a couple of donkeys. And she brought him into her father's house. And when the girl's father saw him, he came with joy to meet him. ⁴ And his father-in-law, the girl's father, made him stay, and he remained with him three days. So they ate and drank and spent the night there. ⁵ And on the fourth day they arose early in the morning, and he prepared to go, but the girl's father said to his son-in-law, "Strengthen your heart with a morsel of bread, and after that you may go." ⁶ So the two of them sat and ate and drank together. And the girl's father said to the man, "Be pleased to spend the night, and let your heart be merry." ⁷ And when the man rose up to go, his father-in-law pressed him, till he spent the night there again. ⁸ And on the fifth day he arose early in the morning to depart. And the girl's father said, "Strengthen your heart and wait until the day declines." So they ate, both of them. ⁹ And when the man and his concubine and his servant rose up to depart, his father-in-law, the girl's father, said to him, "Behold, now the day has waned toward evening. Please, spend the night. Behold, the day draws to its close. Lodge here and let your heart be merry, and tomorrow you shall arise early in the morning for your journey, and go home."

¹⁰ But the man would not spend the night. He rose up and departed and arrived opposite Jebus (that is, Jerusalem). He had with him a couple of saddled donkeys, and his concubine was with him. ¹¹ When they were near Jebus, the day was nearly over, and the servant said to his master, "Come now, let us turn aside to this city of the Jebusites and spend the night in it." ¹² And his master said to him, "We will not turn aside into the city of foreigners, who do not belong to the people of Israel, but we will pass on to Gibeah." ¹³ And he said to his young man, "Come and let us draw near to one of these places and spend the night at Gibeah or at Ramah." ¹⁴ So they passed on and went their way. And the sun went down on them near Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin, ¹⁵ and they turned aside there, to go in and spend the night at Gibeah. And he went in and sat down in the open square of the city, for no one took them into his house to spend the night.

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

In Christ Alone

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JonCarlos Ley, soloist

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world, by darkness slain;
 Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
 And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me.
 From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
 No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand
 'Till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

The children may dismiss for church-time programs.

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Hosea 11

(Pew Bible, pg. 642)

The LORD's Love for Israel

11 When Israel was a child, I loved him,
 and out of Egypt I called my son.
²The more they were called,
 the more they went away;
 they kept sacrificing to the Baals
 and burning offerings to idols.
³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk;
 I took them up by their arms,
 but they did not know that I healed them.
⁴I led them with cords of kindness,
 with the bands of love,
 and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws,
 and I bent down to them and fed them.
⁵They shall not return to the land of Egypt,
 but Assyria shall be their king,
 because they have refused to return to me.
⁶The sword shall rage against their cities,
 consume the bars of their gates,
 and devour them because of their own counsels.
⁷My people are bent on turning away from me,
 and though they call out to the Most High,
 he shall not raise them up at all.
⁸How can I give you up, O Ephraim?
 How can I hand you over, O Israel?
 How can I make you like Admah?
 How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
 My heart recoils within me;
 my compassion grows warm and tender.
⁹I will not execute my burning anger;
 I will not again destroy Ephraim;

for I am God and not a man,
 the Holy One in your midst,
 and I will not come in wrath.
¹⁰ They shall go after the LORD;
 he will roar like a lion;
 when he roars,
 his children shall come trembling from the west;
¹¹ they shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
 and like doves from the land of Assyria,
 and I will return them to their homes, declares the LORD.
¹² Ephraim has surrounded me with lies,
 and the house of Israel with deceit,
 but Judah still walks with God
 and is faithful to the Holy One.

Sermon

"Troubled Love"

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

*Hymn No. 466

I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew

Peace

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me;
 it was not I that found, O Savior true; no, I was found of thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold; I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea—
 'twas not so much that I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but O the whole Of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee;
 for thou wert long beforehand with my soul, always thou lovedst me.

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

Danish

Postlude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

der Herzogl, arr. Tornquist

*Those who are able, please stand.

Nursery Attendants: TODAY, Janet Johnson; NEXT WEEK, January 19, Mary Ann Kauffman.

A Congregational Meeting is hereby called for Sunday, February 9th following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to review the annual reports and the election of elders and deacons. The approved nominees are; for elder: John Cicone, and for deacon: Gus DeFord.

THIS WEEK AT AISQUITH

TODAY	10:30 AM	Worship
TUESDAY	10:30 AM	Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies
	7:00 PM	Ladies' Bible Study
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship

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