

The Lord's Day

February 2, 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...

*It isn't the style nor the stuff in the coat,
Nor the length of the tailor's bill;
It's the stuff in the chap inside the coat
That counts for good or ill.*

Unknown

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Traditional American
arr. Ken Barker
Mr. Scott Engel

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1-3a (ESV)

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live...

*Hymn No. 700

Come, We That Love the Lord

St. Thomas

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.

Let those refuse to sing that never knew our God;
But children of the heav'nly King may speak their joys abroad.

The men of grace have found glory begun below;
Celestial fruits on earthly ground from faith and hope may grow.

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets,
Before we reach the heav'nly fields or walk the golden streets.

Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Confession of Sin (unison)

Martin Bucer

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto you that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe your Word nor follow your holy commandments. Remember your goodness, we beseech you, and for your Name's sake be gracious unto us, forgive us our iniquity which is great. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Hebrews 12:1-3 (ESV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every

weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

Looking unto Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,
 who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

*Hymn

Beneath the Cross

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Beneath the cross of Jesus, I find a place to stand;
 And wonder at such mercy, that calls me as I am.
 For hands that should discard me, hold wounds which tell me "come."
 Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my own.
 Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one, through grace alone.
 How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved?
 Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,
 We follow in His footsteps, where promised hope is found.
 How great the joy before us—to be His perfect bride.
 Beneath the cross of Jesus, We will gladly live our lives.

Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Confession of Faith, V.1

God the great Creator of all things doth uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

Kocher, arr. Wolaver

The children may dismiss for church-time programs.

We hear God speak in Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

Genesis 37:1-11

(Pew Bible, pg. 28)

Joseph's Dreams

37 Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan.

² These are the generations of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors.^[a] ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

⁵ Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more. ⁶ He said to them, "Hear this dream that I have dreamed: ⁷ Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it

and bowed down to my sheaf.”⁸ His brothers said to him, “Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?” So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

⁹ Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, “Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me.”¹⁰ But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, “What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?”¹¹ And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

Footnotes:

[a] See Septuagint, Vulgate; or (with Syriac) *a robe with long sleeves*. The meaning of the Hebrew is uncertain; also verses 23, 32

Sermon	“The Favored Son”	Pastor Bell
Hymn No. 644 (vv. 1, 2)	<i>May the Mind of Christ My Savior</i>	St. Leonards

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow’r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through his pow’r.

The Lord’s Supper

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 644 (vv. 3-5)	<i>May the Mind of Christ My Savior</i>	St. Leonards
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May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

*Benediction and Three-Fold <i>Amen</i> (<i>Hymnal</i> , pg. 740)		Danish
Postlude	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	Beethoven, arr. Tornquist

*Those who are able, please stand.

Nursery Attendants: TODAY, Judi Mason; NEXT WEEK, February 9th, Angela Andrade.

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: Andrew Bell and Gus DeFord.

This is what to do if there is fresh snow or ice when you wake up on a Sunday morning. The decision on whether to have church will be made by 8 AM. Cancellation announcements will be posted on the church answering machine and on our website (www.aisquith.org). We will also send out an email blast to those of you who are on the list. In addition, you may call one of the pastors or elders. Our decision will be based primarily on road conditions and the availability of parking. Don’t assume, check! If you have any questions please speak to one of the elders.

THIS WEEK AT AISQUITH

**TODAY 10:30 AM Worship and the Lord’s
Supper**

**TUESDAY 10:30 AM Ladies' and Men's Bible
Studies**

**SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship**

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