

# *The Lord's Day*

May 10, 2020  
10:30 AM

*We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.  
As you join us today, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.  
Please turn off your cell phone and turn your hearts and minds toward God.*

## **We prepare for worship**

*Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...*

*The more poor and empty a man is in his own eyes,  
he ought to draw the more near unto the riches of grace in Christ.  
David Dickson (1583-1663)*

Prelude

Mr. Stephen Holmes

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

## **We praise our great God**

Call to Worship (responsive)

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. 16

*Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord*

Duke Street

Come, let us sing unto the Lord new songs of praise with sweet accord;  
For wonders great by him are done, his hand and arm have vict'ry won.

The great salvation of our God is seen through all the earth abroad;  
Before the heathen's wond'ring sight he has revealed his truth and right.

He called to mind his truth and grace in promise made to Israel's race;  
And unto earth's remotest bound glad tidings of salvation sound.

All lands, to God lift up your voice; Sing praise to him, with shouts rejoice;  
With voice of joy and loud acclaim let all unite and praise his name.

For lo, he comes; at his command all nations shall in judgment stand;  
In justice robed and throned in light, the Lord shall judge, dispensing right.

Invocation

## **We embrace Christ our Savior**

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 65

(*Hymnal*, pg. 807)

Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion;  
**to you our vows will be fulfilled.**

O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come.

**When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.**

Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts!

**We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.**

You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas,

**who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength,**

who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.

**Those living far away fear your wonders; where morning dawns and evening fades you call forth songs of joy.**

You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

**The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.**

You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

**You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.**

The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

**The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.**

The *Gloria Patri* (Hymnal, pg. 735)

Assurance of Pardon

John 3:16-18 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Confession of Faith (unison)

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 56

What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”? **That God, for the sake of Christ’s satisfaction, will no more remember my sins, neither my corrupt nature, against which I have to struggle all my life long; but will graciously impute to me the righteousness of Christ, that I may never be condemned before the tribunal of God.**

Hymn No. 676

*Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment*

Blott En Dag

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.

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*  
The Offertory

### **We hear God speak**

Scripture Reading

Genesis 46:31-47:27 (ESV)

<sup>31</sup> Joseph said to his brothers and to his father’s household, “I will go up and tell Pharaoh and will say to him, ‘My brothers and my father’s household, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me. <sup>32</sup> And the men are shepherds, for they have been keepers of livestock, and they have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have.’ <sup>33</sup> When Pharaoh calls you and says, ‘What is your occupation?’ <sup>34</sup> you shall say, ‘Your servants have been keepers of livestock from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers,’ in order that you may dwell in the land of Goshen, for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians.”

#### **Jacob’s Family Settles in Goshen**

**47** So Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, “My father and my brothers, with their flocks and herds and all that they possess, have come from the land of Canaan. They are now in the land of Goshen.” <sup>2</sup> And from among his brothers he took five men and presented them to Pharaoh. <sup>3</sup> Pharaoh said to his brothers, “What is your occupation?” And they said to Pharaoh, “Your servants are shepherds, as our fathers were.” <sup>4</sup> They said to Pharaoh, “We have come to sojourn in the land, for there is no pasture for your servants’ flocks, for the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. And now, please let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen.” <sup>5</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Your father and your brothers have come to you. <sup>6</sup> The land of Egypt is before you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land. Let them settle in the land of Goshen, and if you know any able men among them, put them in charge of my livestock.” <sup>7</sup> Then Joseph brought in Jacob his father and stood him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. <sup>8</sup> And Pharaoh said to Jacob, “How many are the days of the years of your life?” <sup>9</sup> And Jacob said to Pharaoh, “The days of the years of my sojourning are 130 years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojourning.” <sup>10</sup> And Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from the presence of Pharaoh. <sup>11</sup> Then Joseph settled his father and his brothers and gave them a

possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. <sup>12</sup> And Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father's household with food, according to the number of their dependents.

### **Joseph and the Famine**

<sup>13</sup> Now there was no food in all the land, for the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished by reason of the famine. <sup>14</sup> And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, in exchange for the grain that they bought. And Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. <sup>15</sup> And when the money was all spent in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, "Give us food. Why should we die before your eyes? For our money is gone." <sup>16</sup> And Joseph answered, "Give your livestock, and I will give you food in exchange for your livestock, if your money is gone." <sup>17</sup> So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses, the flocks, the herds, and the donkeys. He supplied them with food in exchange for all their livestock that year. <sup>18</sup> And when that year was ended, they came to him the following year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that our money is all spent. The herds of livestock are my lord's. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our land. <sup>19</sup> Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we with our land will be servants to Pharaoh. And give us seed that we may live and not die, and that the land may not be desolate."

<sup>20</sup> So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for all the Egyptians sold their fields, because the famine was severe on them. The land became Pharaoh's. <sup>21</sup> As for the people, he made servants of them from one end of Egypt to the other. <sup>22</sup> Only the land of the priests he did not buy, for the priests had a fixed allowance from Pharaoh and lived on the allowance that Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their land.

<sup>23</sup> Then Joseph said to the people, "Behold, I have this day bought you and your land for Pharaoh. Now here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land. <sup>24</sup> And at the harvests you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four fifths shall be your own, as seed for the field and as food for yourselves and your households, and as food for your little ones." <sup>25</sup> And they said, "You have saved our lives; may it please my lord, we will be servants to Pharaoh." <sup>26</sup> So Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt, and it stands to this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth; the land of the priests alone did not become Pharaoh's.

<sup>27</sup> Thus Israel settled in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen. And they gained possessions in it, and were fruitful and multiplied greatly.

Sermon

"The Finished Salvation"

Pastor Bell

### **We respond to God's grace**

Hymn No. 590

*Jesus, Master, Whose I Am*

Wells

Jesus, Master, whose I am, purchased thine alone to be  
By thy blood, O spotless Lamb, shed so willingly for me,  
Let my heart be all thine own, let me live to thee alone.

Jesus, Master, I am thine; keep me faithful, kept me near;

Let thy presence in me shine all my homeward way to cheer.  
Jesus, at thy feet I fall, O be thou my all in all.

Jesus, Master, whom I serve, though so feebly and so ill,  
Strengthen hand and heart and nerve all my bidding to fulfill.  
Open thou mine eyes to see all the work thou hast for me.

Lord, thou needest not, I know, service such as I can bring,  
Yet I long to prove and show full allegiance to my King.  
Thou an honor art to me: let me be a praise to thee.

Benediction

Postlude

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*Happy Mother's Day!*