

The Lord's Day

May 24, 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...

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. O you who hears prayer, to you shall all flesh come. When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your house, the holiness of your temple. Psalm 65:1-4 (ESV)

Prelude

Mr. Stephen Holmes

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 98:1-4, 6b (ESV)

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

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,
Pavillioned 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 (responsive)

Psalm 2

(*Hymnal*, pg. 785)

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

“Let us break their chains,” they say, “and throw off their fetters.”

The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.

“Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

“You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 3:21-25 (ESV)

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Confession of Faith (unison)

The Westminster Confession of Faith, VIII.1

It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of His Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom

He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

Hymn

Before the Throne

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Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart (2X).

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of my guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me (2X).

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of Glory and of Grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God (2X)

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 49:1-12 (ESV)

Jacob Blesses His Sons

49 Then Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you in days to come.

²"Assemble and listen, O sons of Jacob,
listen to Israel your father.

³"Reuben, you are my firstborn,
my might, and the firstfruits of my strength,

preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power.
⁴Unstable as water, you shall not have preeminence,
because you went up to your father's bed;
then you defiled it—he went up to my couch!
⁵“Simeon and Levi are brothers;
weapons of violence are their swords.
⁶Let my soul come not into their council;
O my glory, be not joined to their company.
For in their anger they killed men,
and in their willfulness they hamstringed oxen.
⁷Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce,
and their wrath, for it is cruel!
I will divide them in Jacob
and scatter them in Israel.
⁸“Judah, your brothers shall praise you;
your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;
your father's sons shall bow down before you.
⁹Judah is a lion's cub;
from the prey, my son, you have gone up.
He stooped down; he crouched as a lion
and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?
¹⁰The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until tribute comes to him,^[a]
and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.
¹¹Binding his foal to the vine
and his donkey's colt to the choice vine,
he has washed his garments in wine
and his vesture in the blood of grapes.
¹²His eyes are darker than wine,
and his teeth whiter than milk.

Sermon

“The Future Secured”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 655

O Safe to the Rock That Is Higher Than I

Sankey

O safe to the Rock that is higher than I
My soul in its conflicts and sorrows would fly,
So sinful, so weary, thine, thine would I be;
Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in thee.

***Hiding in thee, hiding in thee—
Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in thee.***

In the calm of the noontide, in sorrow's lone hour,

In times when temptation casts o'er me its pow'r,
In the tempests of life, on its wide, heaving sea,
Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in thee.

How oft in the conflict, when pressed by the foe,
I have fled to my refuge and breathed out my woe!
How often when trials like sea billows roll,
Have I hidden in thee, O thou Rock of my soul!

Benediction

Postlude
