

The Lord's Day

February 21, 2021 at 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...

I found it was no easy thing to part with sin; and the impression on my spirit was that of my utter inability to put away sin. And I think I never had a more solid sense of the absolute need of Christ for sanctification. I saw it was as easy for a rock to raise itself, as for me to raise my heart from sin to holiness. **Thomas Boston (1676-1732)**

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

Pastor Ceselsky

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

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. 26

Tell Our, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

Woodlands

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might;
Pow'rs and dominion lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forever more.

Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (**responsive**)

Psalm 17 (**ESV**)

A Prayer of David.

¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry! Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!

² **From your presence let my vindication come! Let your eyes behold the right!**

³ You have tried my heart, you have visited me by night, you have tested me, and you will find nothing; I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress.

⁴ **With regard to the works of man, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

⁵ My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

⁶ **I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words.**

⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

⁸ **Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings, ⁹ from the wicked who do me violence, my deadly enemies who surround me.**

¹⁰ They close their hearts to pity; with their mouths they speak arrogantly.

¹¹ **They have now surrounded our steps; they set their eyes to cast us to the ground.**

¹² He is like a lion eager to tear, as a young lion lurking in ambush.

¹³ **Arise, O LORD! Confront him, subdue him!**

Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword, ¹⁴ from men by your hand, O LORD, from men of the world whose portion is in this life.

You fill their womb with treasure; they are satisfied with children, and they leave their abundance to their infants.

¹⁵ As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 6:12-14 (**ESV**)

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and our members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 76

What is repentance unto life? **Repentance unto life is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God's mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, he so grieves for and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavoring constantly to walk with Him in all the ways of new obedience.**

Hymn

Holy Spirit

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Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.

Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

The Installation of Officers

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

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:19-25 (ESV)

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do ^[make a practice of doing] such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Sermon

“How Does Your Garden Grow?”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 334

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,

But live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

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

Danish

Postlude

We Welcome and Thank Mrs. Wendy Wickham for providing the musical accompaniment today.

We rejoice in God's provision of Ken Schumann as deacon, and Debbie DeFord as deaconess. Pray for them as they seek to serve our congregation to the glory of God.

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.