

# *The Lord's Day*

March 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...*

*Discontent is good if it makes you long for home, but bad if it makes you doubt the One who prepares a place  
for you in his home. **Paul David Tripp***

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

Pastor Ceselsky

## **We praise our great God**

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-3, 8-10 (**ESV**)

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable . . . The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD.

Hymn No. 77

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Andrews

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Invocation

**We embrace Christ our Savior**

Psalter Reading (**responsive**)

Psalm 4 (**ESV**)

**4** Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

**You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!**

<sup>2</sup> O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? Selah

**<sup>3</sup> But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.**

<sup>4</sup> Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Selah

**<sup>5</sup> Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.**

<sup>6</sup> There are many who say, “Who will show us some good?”

**Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”**

<sup>7</sup> You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

**<sup>8</sup> In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

Assurance of Pardon (**responsive**)

Micah 7:18-20 (**ESV**)

<sup>18</sup> Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

**<sup>19</sup> He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.**

<sup>20</sup> You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

Confession of Faith (**unison**)  
(**ed.**)

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 2

How many things are necessary for you to know, that you, enjoying the assurance of eternal life, may live and die happily? **Three, the first, how great my sins and miseries are; the second, how I may be delivered from all my sins and miseries; the third, how I shall express my gratitude to God for such deliverance.**

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.

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

Mark 10:46-52 (ESV)

<sup>46</sup> And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup> And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup> And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup> And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, **let me recover my sight.**” <sup>52</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

Sermon

“I Want to See!”

Pastor Bell

**We respond to God’s grace**

Hymn No. 476

*The Light of the World Is Jesus*

Bliss

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin;  
the light of the world is Jesus;  
like sunshine at noonday his glory shone in,  
the Light of the world is Jesus.

*Come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee;  
sweetly the Light has dawned upon me;  
once I was blind, but now I can see;  
the light of the world is Jesus.*

No darkness have we who in Jesus abide,  
the light of the world is Jesus;  
we walk in the Light when we follow our Guide,  
the light of the world is Jesus. [Refrain]

Ye dwellers in darkness with sin-blinded eyes,  
the light of the world is Jesus;  
go, wash at his bidding, and light will arise,  
the light of the world is Jesus. [Refrain]

No need of the sunlight in heaven, we're told,  
the light of the world is Jesus;  
the Lamb is the Light in the City of Gold,  
the light of the world is Jesus. [Refrain]

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

Danish

Postlude

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

**We will have a Maundy Thursday Communion Service** on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM here at Aisquith. The people from Loch Raven Presbyterian will be joining us, and invite our congregation to join them on Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**A Congregational Work Day** is planned for Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Mark your calendar and join us!

**The congregation is invited** to a luncheon following the worship service on April 25. We will be celebrating the baptism of covenant child Daniella Andrade that day. **YOU MUST RSVP** for this luncheon. Please text or call Angela at 240-274-0914.