

The Lord's Day

September 19, 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

Jesu, Priceless Treasure

Bach
Dr. Kenneth Dean, Director of Music

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship (unison)

Psalm 51:1, 2, 10, 12 (ESV)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions...Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me...Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Hymn No. 101

Come, Thou Almighty King

Trinity

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise, Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success,
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.

Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

On the day I called, you answered me;

my strength of soul you increased.

All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth,

and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,

but the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;

you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;

your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

What is sanctification?

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor, thou, m soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fare are the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host: Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,
praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

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

Offertory

I Asked The Lord

Lange

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:3-8 (ESV)

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

Sermon

“A Work in Progress”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 466

I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew

Peace

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me;
it was not I that found, O Savior true; no, I was found of thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold; I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea—
'twas not so much that I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but O the whole Of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee;
for thou wert long beforehand with my soul, always thou lovedst me.

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

Danish

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Stanley

A Congregational Meeting is hereby called for Sunday, September 26, 2021 following the morning worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on several changes to Aisquith's By-laws. Details and rationale are available in the narthex. If you have any questions please speak to one of the pastors.

Aisquith Photo Directories are available in the narthex. PLEASE NOTE that there is a replacement page to go in your directory if you have already taken one. (There are more changes to come.) Please let Pastor Ceselsky know if there are any other changes needed.