

The Lord's Day

October 3, 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...

What are God's works of providence? God's works of providence are his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving, and governing all his creatures; ordering them, and all their actions to his own glory. **WLC, Q. 18**

Prelude *Now I Belong To Jesus* Clayton
Dr. Kenneth Dean, Director of Music

Aisquith Life and Opportunities Pastor Ceselsky

We praise our great God

Call to Worship (**responsive**) Psalm 105:1-4 (**ESV**)

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Hymn No. 309 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* Arthur's Seat

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.

Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (**responsive**)

Psalm 86 (ESV)

¹Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

²**Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.**

³Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day.

⁴**Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

⁵For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

⁶**Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.**

⁷In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.

⁸**There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.**

⁹All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

¹⁰**For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.**

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

¹²**I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.**

¹³For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

¹⁴**O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.**

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

¹⁶**Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maidservant.**

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, that those who hate me may see and be put to shame because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Assurance of Pardon (**responsive**)

1 Peter 2:9, 10 (ESV)

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession,
that [we] may proclaim the excellencies of him who called [us] out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;

Once [we] had not received mercy, but now [we] have received mercy.

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 97

What is required for the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper?

It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon Him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience, lest coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

Shout for the blessed Jesus reigns; through distant lands his triumphs spread;
And sinners, freed from endless pains, own him their Savior and their Head.

He calls his chosen from afar, they all at Zion's gates arrive;
Those who were dead in sin before by sovereign grace are made alive.

Gentiles and Jews his laws obey; nations remote their offerings bring,
And unconstrained their homage pay to their exalted God and King.

O may his holy church increase, his Word and Spirit still prevail,
While angels celebrate his praise, and saints his growing glories hail.

Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb, from all below, and all above!
In lofty songs exalt his name, in songs as lasting as his love.

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

Meditation

Chopin

We hear God speak in Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:12-18a (ESV)

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁵Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Sermon

"Rejoicing in the Gospel"

Pastor Bell

Hymn No. 420 (v. 1,2)

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Elvey

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

The Lord's Supper

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 420 (v. 3)

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Elvey

Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

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

Danish

Postlude

He Lives

Ackley

Anyone interested in joining a Bell choir should meet with Dr. Dean in the choir loft TODAY.