

The Lord's Day

May 9, 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...

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Deuteronomy 6:4

Prelude

Air in G

J.S. Bach
Dr. Kenneth Dean

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

Pastor Bell

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:4-6 (ESV)

⁴ Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Hymn No. 100

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Nicaea

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and ever more shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (**responsive**)

Psalm 8 (ESV)

¹ O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

³ **When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,**

⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

⁵ **Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.**

⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

⁷ **all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,**

⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ **O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 1:1-2 (ESV)

To those who are elect ... according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
By whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation
Came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
And was made man;
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
Who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn No. 243

Praise the Savior Now and Ever

Upp Min Tunga

Praise the Savior now and ev’r, praise him, all beneath the skies;
Prostrate lying, suff’ring, dying on the cross, a sacrifice.
Vict’ry gaining, life obtaining, now in glory he doth rise.

Man’s work faileth, Christ’s availeth; he is all our righteousness;
He, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.
Through his merit we inherit light and peace and happiness.

Sin’s bond severed, we’re delivered; Christ has bruised the serpent’s head;
Death no longer is the stronger; hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death’s prison; o’er the tomb he light has shed.

For his favor, praise forever unto God the Father sing;
Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit, through Christ’s merit he doth us salvation bring.

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Malotte

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Revelation 13:17b-18 (ESV)

¹⁷ The mark [is] the name of the beast or the number of its name. ¹⁸ This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

Sermon

“The Mark of the Beast”

Pastor Ceselsky

We respond to God’s grace

Hymn No. 342

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Regent Square

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion’s help forever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;

God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving kindness hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might , and One in glory, while unending ages run.

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

Danish

Postlude

The Church's One Foundation

Hustad

We welcome Dr. Kenneth Dean as our organist today.