

The Lord's Day

August 16, 2020 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...

For that faith which apprehends Christ the Son of God and is furnished with Him is the same faith which justifies...For a true and steadfast faith must lay hold on nothing but Christ alone, and in the terrors of conscience it has nothing else to lean upon, but this diamond Christ Jesus.

Martin Luther, Commentary on Galatians

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 18:1-3, 46 (ESV)

I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies. The LORD lives! And blessed be [our] Rock, and exalted be the God of [our] salvation—

Hymn No. 76

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

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 40:1-11 (ESV)

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² **He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴ Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

⁵ **You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!**

I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

⁶ **In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

⁷ Then I said, “Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: ⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”

⁹ **I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.**

¹⁰ I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

¹¹ **As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!**

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:1-5 (ESV)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Confession of Faith (unison)

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 21

What is true faith? **True faith is not only a certain knowledge, whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in His Word, but also an assured confidence, which the Holy Ghost works by the gospel in my heart, that not only to others, but to me also, remission of sin, everlasting righteousness and salvation are freely given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ’s merits.**

Hymn

The Power of the Cross

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O, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then, nailed to a cross of wood—

**This the pow’r of the cross; Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross.**

O, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev’ry bitter thought, every evil deed crowning Your blood stained brow—

This the pow’r...

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life—“Finished!” the vict’ry cry—

This the pow’r...

O, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!

**This the pow'r of the cross; Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross**

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 2:1-10

(ESV)

2 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. **2** I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. **3** But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. **4** Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—**5** to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. **6** And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. **7** On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised **8** (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), **9** and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. **10** Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

Sermon

“Uncompromised and Unfailing”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 165

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Lyons

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh—his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,

All glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels adore,
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

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

Danish

Postlude

***Those who are able please stand.**

We Welcome and Thank Mrs. Wendy Wickham for providing the music for us this morning.