

The Lord's Day

August 23, 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...

Jesus taught that what is really important and assures joy and peace in a world corrupted by sin is not found in physical prosperity but in spiritual security. God promises grace. The benefits of God's grace are so overwhelming, so sure, and so powerful that they defy the ability of the troubles of this world to dampen our faith or spoil our joy.

Byran Chapell, In the Grip of Grace

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Isaiah 45:1, 22-25 (ESV)

Thus says the LORD... "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance. Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength... In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory."

Hymn No. 300

Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power

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Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore
Give ye to him who our battle hath won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Soundeth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name;
Ringeth the earth with his glory and fame;
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower
Echo his praises and tell of his power.

Ever ascendeth the song and the joy;
Ever descendeth the love from on high;
Blessing and honor and glory and praise—
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 143 (ESV)

¹ Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

² **Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.**

³ For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.

⁴ **Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.**

⁵ I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.

⁶ **I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**

⁷ Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails!

Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.

⁸ Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.

Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

⁹ Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge.

¹⁰ **Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

¹¹ For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

¹² **And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.**

Assurance of Pardon

Philippians 3:7-9 (ESV)

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ. And be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 72

What is justifying faith? **Justifying faith is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby, being convinced of his sin and misery, and of the inability in himself and all other creatures to rescue him from his lost condition, not only agrees with the truth of the promise of the gospel, but also receives and rests upon Christ and His righteousness for pardon of his sin, and for the accepting and accounting of his person righteous in the sight of God for salvation.**

Hymn

*Before the Throne*Bancroft/Cook
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Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart (2X).

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of my guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died My sinful soul is counted free

For God, the Just, is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me (2X).
 Behold Him there the risen Lamb My perfect spotless Righteousness
 The great unchangeable I AM The King of Glory and of Grace
 One with Himself I cannot die My soul is purchased by His blood
 My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ my Savior and my God (2X)

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 2:11-16 (ESV)

¹¹ But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.
¹² For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. ¹³ And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.
¹⁴ But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"
¹⁵ We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶ yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

Sermon "A Clash of Titans" Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 255 *O Jesus, We Adore Thee* Meirionydd

O Jesus, we adore thee, upon the cross, our King!
 We bow our hearts before thee, thy gracious name we sing.
 That name hath brought salvation, that name in life our stay,
 Our peace, our consolation, when life shall fade away.

Yet doth the world disdain thee, still passing by the cross;
 Lord, may our hearts retain thee; all else we count but loss.
 Ah, Lord, our sins arraigned thee, and nailed thee to the tree:
 Our pride, our Lord, disdained thee; yet deign our hope to be.

O glorious King, we bless thee, no longer pass thee by;
 O Jesus, we confess thee, the Son enthroned on high.
 Lord, grant to us remission; life through thy death restore;
 Yea, grant us the fruition of life forevermore.

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

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