

The Lord's Day

January 31, 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...

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned . . . But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 (ESV)

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 9:1, 2, 9-11 (ESV)

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name . . . The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!

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 62 (ESV)

¹ For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

² **He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**

³ How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

⁴ **They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood.**

They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.

⁵ **For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.**

⁶ He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

⁷ **On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

God is a refuge for us.

⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

¹⁰ **Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

¹¹ Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, ¹² and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.

For you will render to a man according to his work.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 1:18, 27-31 (ESV)

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God . . . But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Scot's Confession of 1560; Art. 1

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of His own glory.

Hymn

Before the Throne

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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 5:7-12 (ESV)

⁷You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? ⁸This persuasion is not from him who calls you. ⁹A little leaven leavens the whole lump. ¹⁰I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. ¹¹But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. ¹²I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

Sermon

“Running the Race Well”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 606

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

Camacha

Teach me thy way, O Lord; teach me thy way!
Thy guiding grace afford; teach me thy way!
Help me to walk aright, more by faith less by sight;
Lead me with heav'nly light; teach me thy way!

When I am sad at heart, teach me thy way!
When earthly joys depart, teach me thy way!
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,
In failure or success, teach me thy way!

When doubts and fears arise, teach me thy way!
When storms o'er spread the skies, teach me thy way!
Shine through the cloud and rain, thro' sorrow, toil and pain;
Make thou my pathway plain; teach me thy way!

Long as my life shall last, teach me thy way!
Where'er my lot be cast, teach me thy way!
Until the race is run, until the journey's done,
Until the crown is won, teach me they way!

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

Danish

Postlude

We Welcome and Thank Mrs. Wendy Wickham for providing the musical accompaniment today.

A congregational meeting is hereby called for February 7, 2021 after the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to review the Annual Report, to vote to elect Mr. Ken Schumann for a second term as deacon, and to approve Mrs. Debbie DeFord to serve as a deaconess.

This is what to do if there is fresh snow or ice when you wake up on a Sunday morning. The decision on whether to have church will be made by 8 AM. Cancellation announcements will be posted on the church answering machine and on our website (www.aisquith.org). We will also send out an email blast to those of you who are on the list. In addition, you may call one of the pastors or elders. Our decision will be based primarily on road conditions and the availability of parking. Don't assume, check! If you have any questions please speak to one of the elders.