

The Lord's Day

October 11, 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...

The law, even when kept to the best of a person's ability, is nothing but a prison, a death row cell where one waits for eternal execution.
John MacArthur

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3, 8 (ESV)

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Hymn No. 119

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Forest Green

I sing th'almighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes your glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
And everywhere that man can be, you, God, are present there.

Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 116 (ESV)

¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

² **Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴ **Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**

⁵ Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

⁶ **The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸ **For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**

⁹ I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁰ **I believed, even when I spoke: “I am greatly afflicted”;**

¹¹ I said in my alarm, “All mankind are liars.”

¹² **What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?**

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴ **I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.**

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

¹⁶ **O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.**

¹⁷ I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸ **I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,**

¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:13-17 (ESV)

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 80

Can true believers be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace, and that they shall persevere therein unto salvation?

Such as truly believe in Christ, and endeavor to walk in all good conscience before Him, may, without extraordinary revelation, by faith grounded upon the truth of God’s promises, and by the Spirit enabling them to discern in themselves those graces to which the promises of life are made, and bearing witness with their spirits that they are the children of God, be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace, and shall persevere therein unto salvation.

Hymn

Holy Spirit

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Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do.

Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Sermon

"Slaves or Sons?"

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 305

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Lenox

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; his pard'ning voice I hear;

He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
with confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

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.