

The Lord's Day

August 30, 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...

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. **Romans 8:1, 2**

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-3, 6, 7 (ESV)

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the
sheep of his hand.

Hymn No. 522

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

St. Petersburg

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul give way, he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 119:1-24 (ESV)

¹ Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!
² **Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart,**
³ who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!
⁴ **You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.**
⁵ Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!
⁶ **Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**
⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules.
⁸ **I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!**
⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.
¹⁰ **With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!**
¹¹ I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.
¹² **Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!**
¹³ With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.
¹⁴ **In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.**
¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.
¹⁶ **I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**
¹⁷ Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.
¹⁸ **Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.**
¹⁹ I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not your commandments from me!
²⁰ **My soul is consumed with longing for your rules at all times.**
²¹ You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones, who wander from your commandments.
²² **Take away from me scorn and contempt, for I have kept your testimonies.**
²³ Even though princes sit plotting against me, your servant will meditate on your statutes.
²⁴ **Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors.**

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 6:1, 2, 6, 7, 14 (ESV)

What shall we say, then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law, but under grace.

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 61

Why do you say that you are righteous by faith alone? **Not that I am acceptable to God, on account of the worthiness of my faith, but because only the satisfaction, righteousness and holiness of Christ, is my righteousness before God; and that I cannot receive and apply the same to myself any other way than by faith only.**

Hymn No. 500

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Ward

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
 Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
 Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
 Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
 All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;

Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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 2:17-21 (ESV)

¹⁷ But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Sermon

“Wanted: Dead *and* Alive”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 679

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Kirkpatrick

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

***Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more.***

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

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.