

The Lord's Day

September 27, 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...

Just as Elijah received power to shut the heavens, so that it did not rain, and just as Moses received authority to turn waters into blood, even so the mighty missionary Church of this present gospel age, if its message is rejected, has authority to judge and condemn the world. *William Hendriksen*

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4a (ESV)

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Hymn No. 48

O Lord Most High, with All My Heart

Rockingham Old

O Lord Most High, with all my heart your wondrous works I will proclaim;
I will be glad and give you thanks and sing the praises of your name.

The Lord, the everlasting King, is seated on his judgment throne;
The righteous Judge of all the world will make his perfect justice known.

Jehovah will a refuge prove, a refuge strong for all oppressed,
A safe retreat, where weary souls in troubled times may surely rest.

All they, O Lord, that know your name their confidence in you will place,
For you have ne'er forsaken them who earnestly have sought your face.

Sing praises to the Lord Most High, to him who does in Zion dwell;
Declare his mighty deeds abroad, his deeds among the nations tell.

Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 52 (ESV)

Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man? The steadfast love of God endures all the day.

Your tongue plots destruction, like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit.

You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking what is right.

You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.

But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent;

he will uproot you from the land of the living.

The righteous shall see and fear, and shall laugh at him, saying,

“See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!”

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.

I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

I will thank you forever, because you have done it.

I will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 5:9-12 (ESV)

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 63

Q. What are the special privileges of the visible church?

The visible church has the privilege of being under God’s special care and government; of being protected and preserved in all ages, notwithstanding the opposition of all enemies; and of enjoying the communion of saints, the ordinary means of salvation, and offers of grace by Christ to all the members of it in the ministry of the gospel, testifying, that whosoever believes in him shall be saved, and excluding none that will come to him.

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.

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

Revelation 11:3-6 (ESV)

¹Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, "Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, ² but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months. ³ And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."

⁴ These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. ⁵ And if anyone would harm them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their foes. If anyone would harm them, this is how he is doomed to be killed. ⁶ They have the power to shut the sky, that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague, as often as they desire.

Sermon

"The Two Witnesses"

Pastor Ceselsky

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 444

O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling

Tidings

O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is light;
That he who made all nations is not willing one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace; tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

Behold how many thousands still are lying bound in the darksome prison-house of sin,
With none to tell them of the Savior's dying, or of the life he died for them to win.

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation, and died on earth that man might live above.

Give of your sons to bear the message glorious; give of your wealth to speed them on their way;
Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious; and all your spending Jesus will repay.

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

Danish

Postlude

A meeting of the congregation is hereby called for this morning immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the congregation of the proposal to replace the current heating and cooling systems for the sanctuary and room 11 and to approve the expenditure of approximately \$61,000.00.

We can still use your used ink cartridges. If you can donate any used cartridges please put them in the box in the kitchen or give them to John or Julie Ceselsky.

The Men's and Women's Tuesday morning Bible Studies will now begin on October 6.

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