

# *The Lord's Day*

October 10, 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...*

*You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock (Isa. 26:3, 4; ESV). Peace is found in trusting the person who controls all the things that you don't understand and who knows no mystery because he has planned it all.*

**Paul David Tripp**

Prelude *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Picardy  
Dr. Kenneth Dean, Director of Music

Aisquith Life and Opportunities Pastor Ceselsky

## **We praise our great God**

Call to Worship (**responsive**) Psalm 104:31-35 (ESV)

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke!

**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.**

Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
**Praise the Lord!**

Hymn No. 26 *Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord* Woodlands

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord: Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of his word; In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name; Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same; His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might; Pow'rs and dominion lay their glory by;  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word: Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord To children's children and forever more.

Invocation

## **We embrace Christ our Savior**

Psalter Reading (**responsive**)

Psalms 30 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

<sup>2</sup> **O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

<sup>3</sup> O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

<sup>4</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

<sup>5</sup> **For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.**

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

<sup>6</sup> **As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”**

<sup>7</sup> By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

<sup>8</sup> **To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:**

<sup>9</sup> “What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?”

<sup>10</sup> **Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!”**

<sup>11</sup> You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, <sup>12</sup> that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

**O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

Assurance of Pardon (**responsive**)

Romans 8:22-24a, 18, 19, 26-28 (NIV)

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

**Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved.**

In the same way, the Spirit helps our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.

**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.**

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 85

Death, being the wages of sin, why are not the righteous delivered from death, seeing all their sins are forgiven in Christ?

**The righteous shall be delivered from death itself at the last day, and even in death are delivered from the sting and curse of it; so that, although they die, yet it is out of God’s love, to free them perfectly from sin and misery, and to make them capable of further communion with Christ in glory, which they then enter upon.**

Hymn

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Mit Freuden Zart (**Hymn No. 4**)

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,  
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.  
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory.

Thus all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,  
that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;  
let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:  
To God all praise and glory.

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*

Offertory

*Jesus Is All The World To Me*

Elizabeth

**We hear God speak**

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:18b-26 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup> as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup> But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Sermon

“To Be, or Not to Be?”

Pastor Bell

**We respond to God's grace**

Hymn No. 518

*Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground*

Hendon

Christ, of all my hopes the ground, Christ the spring of all my joy,  
Still in you may I be found, Still for you my pow'rs employ, Still for you my pow'rs employ.

Let your love my heart inflame; Keep your fear before my sight;  
Be your praise my highest aim; Be your smile my chief delight, Be your smile my chief delight.

Fountain of o'erflowing grace, Freely from your fullness give;  
Till I close my earthly race, May I prove it "Christ to live." May I prove it "Christ to live."

Firmly trusting in your blood, nothing shall my heart confound;  
Safely I shall pass the flood, Safely reach Immanuel's ground, safely reach Immanuel's ground.

Thus, O thus, an entrance give To the land of cloudless sky;  
having knowing it "Christ to live." Let me know it "gain to die," let me know it "gain to die."

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

Danish

Postlude

*I Will Sing Of My Redeemer*

Bliss

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**All are Welcome to Join Dr. Dean** and several other church musicians on Sunday, October 31 at 4 p.m. at Arnolia United Methodist Church (Joppa Rd. at Oakleigh Rd.) for a Halloween Spooktacular Concert. This will be a treat you won't want to miss!

**The Women's Bible Study** will begin on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Room 11. Gwen Cicone will be leading the study using Rafiki material on 1 Samuel.

**Bob & Melody Bell will be holding a Yard Sale** on Saturday, October 16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. outside of the church. Please help advertise and come!