

The Lord's Day

November 21, 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...

Our struggle with sin is so deep that it was not enough for God to forgive us, so he also unzipped us and got inside of us by his Spirit. **Paul David Tripp**

Prelude *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Royal Oaks
Dr. Kenneth Dean, Director of Music

Aisquith Life and Opportunities Pastor Ceselsky

We praise our great God

Call to Worship (**responsive**) Isaiah 12:1, 2, 4 (ESV)

“I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away; that you might comfort me.

“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

“Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.”

Hymn No. 300 *Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power* O Quanta Qualia

Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore
Give ye to him who our battle hath won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Soundeth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name;
Ringeth the earth with his glory and fame;
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower
Echo his praises and tell of his power.

Ever ascendeth the song and the joy;
Ever descendeth the love from on high;
Blessing and honor and glory and praise—
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,

Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading

Psalms 19 (ESV)

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.

Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgressions.

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:4-10 (ESV)

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—

by grace you have been saved—

and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace [we] have been saved through faith.

And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Confession of Faith, XVI.3

[The Believer’s] ability to do good words is not at all of themselves, but wholly from the Spirit of Christ. And that they may be enabled thereunto, beside the graces they have already received, there is required an actual influence of the same Holy Spirit, to work in them to will, and to do, of His good pleasure: yet are they not hereupon to grow negligent, as if they were not bound to perform any duty unless upon a special motion of the Spirit; but they ought to be diligent in stirring up the grace of God that is in them.

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

Offertory

Bless This House

Brahe

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:12, 13 (**ESV**)

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Sermon

“Whose Job Is This Anyway?”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God’s grace

Hymn No. 529

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Beecher

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breath thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

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

Danish

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major

Handel

A congregational meeting is hereby called for Sunday, December 5 immediately following the worship service. The purposes of this meeting are to (1) vote on a dissolution of the Pastoral Relation between the congregation of Aisquith and Pastor Bell (per his announced retirement on December 31, 2021); (2) to consider and vote upon the Session's recommendation for the congregation to call Pastor Bell as it's Pastor Emeritus beginning January 1, 2022; (3) to consider and vote upon the Session's recommendation for the congregation to call Pastor Ceselsky to serve as Interim Pastor beginning January 1, 2022; and (4) to create a pulpit committee to make recommendations to the congregation for a future call to a Pastor.

We will have a Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday at 7 PM! Come and give thanks and share what the Lord has been doing in your life.

The Thanksgiving Offering this year will again be given to MNA's Mercy Ministries. The funds are used to aid congregations and ministries that are training leaders in mercy ministries. The focus is primarily, but not exclusively, on helping minority leaders. A brochure is in this week's bulletin and in the narthex.

Poinsettias for Christmas can be ordered by signing up in the book in the narthex, or by emailing Pastor Ceselsky. The cost is \$9 per plant – please use the pink envelopes in the narthex and label the envelope for “flowers.” The deadline to order plants is Sunday, December 5.

The Women's & Men's Bible Studies will NOT be meeting this week.

Sunday School will NOT be meeting next Sunday. Please join us again at 9 AM on December 5.

Please Continue in Prayer for the Nanna family as they mourn the loss of Mercy's sister, Chief Magistrate Linda Oyeni Ugbaja. Mercy's sister passed away suddenly on July 31. Burial arrangements are still in process.

Pledge cards for 2022 are in the narthex. Please consider filling out a pledge card and placing it in the offering plate. These greatly assist the Session in preparing the budget for the coming year.

Officer Nominations for Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses can be made by submitting names to either John Cicone (Clerk of Session) or Pastor Ceselsky.

Funds are Needed for the Tiemann Music Fund: With the holidays coming and the mask mandate likely to remain in place, we cannot have a choir. Dr. Dean would therefore like to enhance our worship with soloists and musicians. If you are able to give to this fund, please use one of the pink envelopes and label it "Tiemann Music Fund."

We are still collecting used inkjet cartridges. There is a box in the kitchen labeled for the donations.