

## The Lord's Day

July 21, 2019  
10:30 AM

*We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.  
As you enter the sanctuary, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.  
Please turn off your cell phone and turn your thoughts toward God.*

### We prepare for worship

*Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...*

*"... God is merciful and kind. He is the God who condescends to draw straight lines with crooked sticks—  
who is always doing deep things in human hearts that make us all exclaim, 'Only God could have done that!'"*  
*David P. Cassidy in Indispensable*

Prelude

Mr. Scott Engel

### We praise our great God

\*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 62:5-8 (ESV)

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

**He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my  
salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

\*Hymn No. 342

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Regent Square

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,  
In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
With thy wonted loving kindness hear thy people as they pray;  
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

Here vouch-safe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain,  
What they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain,  
And here-after in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,  
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

\*Invocation

### We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 68

(Hymnal pg. 808)

May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him.

**As smoke is blown away by the wind, may you blow them away;**  
as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.

**But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.**

Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds—  
**his name is the LORD—and rejoice before him.**

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

**God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.**

When you went out before your people, O God, when you marched through the wasteland,  
**the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**

You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance.

**Your people settled in it, and from your bounty, O God, you provided for the poor.**

The LORD announced the word, and great was the company of those who proclaimed it:

**“Kings and armies flee in haste; in the camps men divide the plunder.**

“Even while you sleep among the campfires, the wings of my dove are sheathed with silver, its feathers with shining gold.”

**When the Almighty scattered the kings in the land, it was like snow fallen on Zalmon.**

The mountains of Bashan are majestic mountains; rugged are the mountains of Bashan.

**Why gaze in envy, O rugged mountains, at the mountain where God chooses to reign, where the LORD himself will dwell forever?**

The chariots of God are tens of thousands and thousands of thousands; the Lord has come from Sinai into his sanctuary.

**When you ascended on high, you led captives in your train; you received gifts from men, even from the rebellious—that you, O LORD God, might dwell there.**

Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.

**Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death.**

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

1 John 5:3-5 (ESV)

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments.

**And his commandments are not burdensome.**

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world.

**And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.**

Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Confession Faith (unison)

Westminster Confession of Faith, XXVI.1

**All saints, that are united to Jesus Christ their Head, by His Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with Him in His grace, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory;<sup>1</sup> and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other’s gifts and graces,<sup>2</sup> and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as to conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.<sup>3</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> 1 John 1:3; Eph. 3:16-19; John 1:16; Eph. 2:5, 6; Phil. 3:10; Rom. 6:5, 6; 2 Tim. 2:12

<sup>2</sup> Eph. 4:15, 16; 1 Cor. 12:7; 3:21-23; Col. 2:19

<sup>3</sup> 1 Thes. 5:11, 14; Rom. 1:11, 12, 14; 1 John 3:16-18; Gal. 6:10

\*Hymn No. 457

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Nettleton

Come, thou fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand’ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:  
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Old Testament Reading

Judges 13:1-14

(Pew Bible, pg. 180)

**The Birth of Samson**

**13** And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, so the LORD gave them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.

<sup>2</sup> There was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. And his wife was barren and had no children. <sup>3</sup> And the angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, “Behold, you are barren and have not borne children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. <sup>4</sup> Therefore be careful and drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, <sup>5</sup> for behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb, and he shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines.” <sup>6</sup> Then the woman came and told her husband, “A man of God came to me, and his appearance was like the appearance of the angel of God, very awesome. I did not ask him where he was from, and he did not tell me his name, <sup>7</sup> but he said to me, ‘Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. So then drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.’”

<sup>8</sup> Then Manoah prayed to the LORD and said, “O Lord, please let the man of God whom you sent come again to us and teach us what we are to do with the child who will be born.” <sup>9</sup> And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman as she sat in the field. But Manoah her husband was not with her. <sup>10</sup> So the woman ran quickly and told her husband, “Behold, the man who came to me the other day has appeared to me.” <sup>11</sup> And Manoah arose and went after his wife and came to the man and said to him, “Are you the man who spoke to this woman?” And he said, “I am.” <sup>12</sup> And Manoah said, “Now when your words come true, what is to be the child’s manner of life, and what is his mission?”

<sup>13</sup> And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, “Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful. <sup>14</sup> She may not eat of anything that comes from the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, or eat any unclean thing. All that I commanded her let her observe.”

Commissioning of the Impact Team

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

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

God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

*The children may dismiss for church-time programs.***We hear God speak**

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

(Pew Bible, pg. 829)

**Unity in the Body of Christ**

**4** I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,  
and he gave gifts to men.”

<sup>9</sup>(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Sermon

Rev. Stephen Boon

**We respond to God’s grace**

\*Hymn No. 590

*Jesus, Master, Whose I Am*

Wells

Jesus, Master, whose I am, purchased thine alone to be  
By thy blood, O spotless Lamb, shed so willingly for me,  
Let my heart be all thine own, let me live to thee alone.

Jesus, Master, I am thine; keep me faithful, kept me near;  
Let thy presence in me shine all my homeward way to cheer.  
Jesus, at thy feet I fall, O be thou my all in all.

Jesus, Master, whom I serve, though so feebly and so ill,  
Strengthen hand and heart and nerve all my bidding to fulfill.  
Open thou mine eyes to see all the work thou hast for me.

Lord, thou needest not, I know, service such as I can bring,  
Yet I long to prove and show full allegiance to my King.  
Thou an honor art to me: let me be a praise to thee.

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

Danish

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\*Those who are able, please stand.

**We welcome** the Rev. Stephen Boon to the pulpit this morning. Stephen is married to Kirkley (Greenwell) and is the father of Eliza. Stephen is a lecturer on the Cornhill Training Course in London, and an ordained minister in the Church of England.

**Nursery Attendants:** TODAY, Shannon Bell; NEXT WEEK, July 28<sup>th</sup>, Janet Johnson.

**There will be no Sunday School classes until after Labor Day.**

**Pray for our Impact Team** as they prepare to leave on Saturday for Cherokee, NC John & Julie Ceselsky, Angelo Cicone, Karen Wallace, and Rick Willis.

**Impact is still collecting empty inkjet cartridges** to raise funds for future mission’s trips. There is a box on the steel racks in the kitchen where you can drop them off. We need your cartridges!

**This Week at Aisquith**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM Worship: No Youth Group Tonight!</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7-8:30 PM WIC Book Club</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Impact Team’s Departure</b>

**SUNDAY**

**10:30 AM Worship  
No Youth Group Tonight!**

**Coming Soon**

**Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>—Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> Impact trip to Cherokee**

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