

The Lord's Day

October 13, 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...

But how can a man be in the right before God? If one wished to contend with him, one could not answer him once in a thousand times...who alone stretched out the heavens and trampled the waves of the sea...

Job 9:2, 3, 8

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 46:1-5 (ESV)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

*Hymn No. 355

We Are God's People

Symphony

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand;
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God out-poured;
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv'n;
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heav'n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone for on its own each member loses fire;
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 107:23-43

(Hymnal pg. 825)

[Men] went out on the sea in ships; they were merchants on the mighty waters.

They saw the works of the LORD, his wonderful deeds in the deep.

For he spoke and stirred up a tempest that lifted high the waves.

They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths; in their peril their courage melted

away.

They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their wits' end.

Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.

He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.

They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.

Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

He turned rivers into a desert, flowing springs into thirsty ground,

and fruitful land into a salt waste, because of the wickedness of those who lived there.

He turned the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing springs;

there he brought the hungry to live, and they founded a city where they could settle.

They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest;

He blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased, and he did not let their herds diminish.

Then their numbers decreased, and they were humbled by oppression, calamity and sorrow;

he who pours contempt on nobles made them wander in a trackless waste.

But he lifted the needy out of their affliction and increased their families like flocks.

The upright see and rejoice, but all the wicked shut their mouths.

Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the great love of the LORD.

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:13-17 (ESV)

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Confession Faith (unison)

Westminster Confession of Faith, 14.II & III (ed. REB)

[T]he principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace...This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; may be often and many ways assailed, and weakened, but gets the victory: growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance, through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.

Old Testament Reading

Judges 18:1-10

(Pew Bible, pg. 183)

Danites Take the Levite and the Idol

18 In those days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the people of Dan was seeking for itself an inheritance to dwell in, for until then no inheritance among the tribes of Israel had fallen to them. ²So the people of Dan sent five able men from the whole number of their tribe, from (ZOH ruh) Zorah and from (ESH tay ahl) Eshtaol, to spy out the land and to explore it. And they said to them, "Go and explore the land." And they came to the hill country of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and lodged there. ³When they were by the house of Micah, they recognized the voice of the young Levite. And they turned aside and said to him, "Who brought you here? What are you doing in this place? What is your business here?" ⁴And he said to them, "This is how Micah dealt with me: he has hired me, and I have become his priest." ⁵And they said to him, "Inquire of God, please, that we may know whether the journey on which we are setting out will succeed." ⁶And the priest said to them, "Go in peace. The journey on which you go is under the eye of the LORD."

⁷Then the five men departed and came to Laish and saw the people who were there, how they lived in security, after the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and unsuspecting, lacking nothing that is in the earth and possessing wealth, and how they were far from the Sidonians and had no dealings with anyone. ⁸And when they came to their brothers at (ZOH ruh) Zorah and (ESH tay ahl) Eshtaol, their brothers said to them, "What do you report?" ⁹They said, "Arise, and let us go

up against them, for we have seen the land, and behold, it is very good. And will you do nothing? Do not be slow to go, to enter in and possess the land. ¹⁰As soon as you go, you will come to an unsuspecting people. The land is spacious, for God has given it into your hands, a place where there is no lack of anything that is in the earth.”

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

It Is Well with My Soul

John Ness Beck

The Adult Choir

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll—Whatever my lot,
Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul...My sin—O the joy of this glorious thought—
My sin, not in part, but the whole Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, praise the
Lord, O my soul!...And, Lord, haste the day when my faith will be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a
scroll: The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend, “Even so” it is well with my soul...

The children may dismiss for church-time programs.

We hear God speak

*Hymn No. 146

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Sherwin

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
throughout the sacred page I seek thee, Lord,
my spirit pants for thee, O living Word.

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my All in all.

Thou art the Bread of Life, O Lord, to me,
thy holy Word the truth that saveth me;
give me to eat and live with thee above;
teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.

O send thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
that he may touch mine eyes, and make me see:
show me the truth concealed within thy Word,
and in thy Book revealed I see the Lord.

Scripture Reading

John 6:16-21

(Pew Bible, pg. 755)

Jesus Walks on Water

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. ²⁰But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

Sermon

“Desperation or Deliverance?”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 370

Revive Thy Work, O Lord

Festal Song

Revive thy work, O Lord, thy mighty arm make bare;
 speak with the voice that wakes the dead, and make thy people hear.

Revive thy work, O Lord, disturb this sleep of death;
 quicken the smould’ring embers now by thine almighty breath.

Revive thy work, O Lord, create soul-thirst for thee;
 and hung’ring for the Bread of Life O may our spirits be.

Revive thy work, O Lord, exalt thy precious name;
 and, by the Holy Ghost, our love for thee and thine inflame.

Revive thy work, O Lord, give Pentecostal show’rs:
 the glory shall be all thine own, the blessing, Lord, be ours.

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

Danish

 *Those who are able, please stand.

Nursery Attendants: TODAY, Mary Ann Kauffman; NEXT WEEK, October 20th, Judi Mason.

Join us at 9:00 AM for Sunday School! The Adults are considering “The Biblical Response to the Social Justice Movements” led by Angela Andrade. The children also meet on the second floor.

If you would be willing to help set up for the Lord’s Supper there is a sign-up sheet for 2020 on the narthex table. If you’ve never set up before, help and directions are available.

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY 10:30 AM Worship

**TUESDAY 10:30 AM Ladies’ and Men’s Bible
 Studies (at Aisquith)**

**SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship**

Coming Soon

Saturday, October 26th at 8:00 AM Church Work Day

**Sunday, October 27th 10:30 AM: Dr. D. Ralph Davis
 will be preaching in our morning service and
 at the joint Reformation Day Service at 6:00 PM here at Aisquith**

**Sunday, November 17th Calvin & Geeta Taylor
 will be with us for a luncheon and mission’s report after worship**

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