

The Lord's Day

November 3, 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...

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. *1 Corinthians 15:21, 22*

Prelude

Ms Grace Liu, piano

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3, 8 (ESV)

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

*Hymn No. 38

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Joanna

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light, nor wanting nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 30

(Hymnal pg. 794)

I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.

O LORD, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit.

Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;

weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."

O LORD, when you favored me, you made my mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.

To you, O LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:

What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down into the pit?

"Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?"

"Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me; O LORD, be my help."

You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Silent Confession of Sins

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 15:50-52a, 54-57 (ESV)

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet... When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession Faith (unison)

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 45

What does the resurrection of Christ profit us? **First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, that He might make us partakers of that righteousness which He had purchased for us by his death;¹ secondly, we are also by His power raised up to a new life;² and lastly, the resurrection of Christ is a sure pledge of our blessed resurrection.³**

¹ 1 Cor. 15:16 ² Rom. 6:4; Col. 3:1 ³ 1 Cor. 15; Rom. 8:11

*Hymn No. 309

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Arthur's Seat

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.

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 in Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

John 11:1-44

(Pew Bible, pg. 760)

The Death of Lazarus

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸ The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹ Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

¹⁰ But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” ¹¹ After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.”

¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” ¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶ So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

Jesus Weeps

²⁸ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.

³¹ When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved^[indignant] in his spirit and greatly troubled.

³⁴ And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

Jesus Raises Lazarus

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that

you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.”⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Sermon “The Final Enemy” Pastor Bell
Hymn No. *At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing* Elvey

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death’s dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky, pow’rs of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

The Lord’s Supper

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 280 *Christ Is Risen from the Dead* Warren

Christ is risen from the dead, glorious day we celebrate;
Death has no pow’r over him, Hallelujah, he is risen!

As in Adam all men die, so all those in Christ shall live;
He has conquer’d death and hell. Hallelujah, he is risen!

No more need we fear the grave, now, O death, where is your sting?
God gives us the victory. Hallelujah, he is risen!

Christ is risen from the dead, glorious day we celebrate;
Now we live through faith in him, Hallelujah, he is risen!

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

*Those who are able, please stand.

Nursery Attendants: TODAY, Karen Wallace **NEXT WEEK**, November 10th, Shannon Bell.

A hearty thanks to all of you who helped make last Sunday such an enjoyable day. The food and cookies were great!

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 and the Lord's
Supper

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

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

Coming Soon

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

Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service

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