

## *The Lord's Day*

May 31, 2020

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...*

*I felt insatiable longings after God this day. I wondered how poor souls live that have no God. The world with all its enjoyments, quite vanished. I longed exceedingly to be dissolved, and to be with Christ. Oh my weary soul longs to arrive at my Father's house!*

*David Brainerd (1718-47)*

Prelude

Mr. Stephen Holmes

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

### **We praise our great God**

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 28:6-9 (ESV)

Blessed be the LORD! for he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

**The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

**Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

Hymn No. 4

*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

Mit Freuden Zart

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills,  
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right.  
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my calling!  
For death he gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.  
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God with me.  
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not his flock, his chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand he leads his own, his chosen band.  
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!  
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!  
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!  
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;

To your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness;  
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.

Invocation

**We embrace Christ our Savior**

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 18:25-36

(*Hymnal*, pg. 789)

To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless,  
**to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the crooked you show yourself shrewd.**

You save the humble

**but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.**

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.

**With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall.**

As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless.

**He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.**

For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God?

**It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.**

He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights.

**He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze.**

You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great.

**You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn.**

The *Gloria Patri* (*Hymnal*, pg. 736)

Young

Glory be to God the Father, and to Christ his only Son; praise we too the Holy Spirit, binding all the church as one; as it was in the beginning, is for now and evermore! Amen, amen! Amen, amen!

Assurance of Pardon

Zephaniah 3:14-17 (ESV)

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."

Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 54

**Christ is exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God, in that as God-man he is advanced to the highest favor with God the Father, will all fullness of joy, glory, and power over all things in heaven and earth; and doth gather and defend his church, and subdue their enemies; furnishes his ministers and people with gifts and graces, and makes intercession for them.**

Hymn

*Holy Spirit*

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Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;  
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.

Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do.  
 Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.  
 Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
 Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.  
 Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
 Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
 That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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*

The Offertory

*Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near*

Fawcett/Dever

John Fawcett (1782), Connie Dever (Chorus)

Connie Dever

1. Af - flic - ed saint, to Christ draw near, Your Sa - vior's gra - cious  
 2. Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the con - flict  
 3. Should per - se - cu - tion\_ rage and flame, still trust in your Re -  
 4. When called to bear your weigh - ty cross, or sore af - flic - tion,  
 pro - mise hear, His faith - ful Word, you can be - lieve, that as your days\_ your  
 should be long, the Lord will make the temp - ter flee, that as your days\_ your  
 deem - er's name; in fier - y tri - als you shall see, that as your days\_ your  
 pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress or po - ver - ty, still as your days\_ your  
 strength shall be. (Repeat to Vs. 2)  
 strength shall be. So, sing with joy, af - flic - ed one; the bat - tle's  
 strength shall be.  
 strength shall be.  
 fierce, but the vic - tory's won; God shall sup - ply all\_ that you  
 need. Yes, as your days\_ your strength shall be.

**We hear God speak**

Scripture Reading

Genesis 49:13-21 (ESV)

- <sup>13</sup>“Zebulun shall dwell at the shore of the sea;  
he shall become a haven for ships,  
and his border shall be at Sidon.
- <sup>14</sup>“Issachar is a strong donkey,  
crouching between the sheepfolds.
- <sup>15</sup>He saw that a resting place was good,  
and that the land was pleasant,  
so he bowed his shoulder to bear,  
and became a servant at forced labor.
- <sup>16</sup>“Dan shall judge his people  
as one of the tribes of Israel.
- <sup>17</sup>Dan shall be a serpent in the way,  
a viper by the path,  
that bites the horse’s heels  
so that his rider falls backward.
- <sup>18</sup>I wait for your salvation, O LORD.
- <sup>19</sup>“Raiders shall raid Gad,  
but he shall raid at their heels.
- <sup>20</sup>“Asher’s food shall be rich,  
and he shall yield royal delicacies.
- <sup>21</sup>“Naphtali is a doe let loose  
that bears beautiful fawns.

Sermon

“The Future State, Part 1”

Pastor Bell

**We respond to God’s grace**

Hymn No. 668

*Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode*

Constance

Who trusts in God, a strong abode in heav’n and earth possesses;  
Who looks in love to Christ above, no fear his heart oppresses.  
In you alone, dear Lord, we own sweet hope and consolation:  
Our shield from foes, our balm for woes, our great and sure salvation.

Though Satan’s wrath beset our path, and worldly scorn assail us,  
While you are near we will not fear, your strength shall never fail us:  
Your rod and staff shall keep us safe, and guide our steps forever;  
Nor shades of death, nor hell beneath, our souls from you shall sever.

In all the strife of mortal life our feet shall stand securely;  
Temptation’s hour shall lose its pow’r, for you shall guard us surely.  
O God, renew, with heav’nly dew, our body, soul and spirit,  
Until we stand at your right hand, through Jesus’ saving merit.

Benediction

Postlude

