

The Lord's Day

April 18, 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...

In the desert of affliction, this earthly sojourn, [the Lord] has prepared a place for [us] and nourishes [us] with the manna of the Word.

William Hendriksen

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

Pastor Bell

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 18:1-3 (ESV)

¹ I love you, O Lord, my strength. ² The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. ³ I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

Hymn No. 347

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

The church's One foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,

She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (**responsive**)

Psalm 18:25-36 (ESV)

²⁵ With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;
²⁶ **with the purified you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.**
²⁷ For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down.
²⁸ **For it is you who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness.**
²⁹ For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.
³⁰ **This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.**
³¹ For who is God, but the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God? –
³² **the God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless.**
³³ He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights.
³⁴ **He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.**
³⁵ You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand supported me, and your gentleness made me great.
³⁶ **You gave a wide place for my steps under me, and my feet did not slip.**

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 6:10-18 (ESV)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 185

Question 185: How are we to pray?

We are to pray with an awful apprehension of the majesty of God, and deep sense of our own unworthiness, necessities, and sins; with penitent, thankful, and enlarged hearts; with understanding, faith, sincerity, fervency, love, and perseverance, waiting upon him, with humble submission to his will.

Hymn

O Church Arise

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O church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

Missions Report

John & Gwen Cicone

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

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Revelation 12:13-17 (ESV)

¹³ And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. ¹⁴ But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. ¹⁵ The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. ¹⁶ But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. ¹⁷ Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

Sermon

“War has come to Us!”

Pastor Ceselsky

We respond to God’s grace

Hymn No. 587

Who Is On The Lord’s Side?

Armageddon

Who is on the Lord’s side? Who will serve the King?
Who will be his helpers, other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world’s side? Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord’s side? Who for him will go?
By thy call of mercy, by thy grace divine,

We are on the Lord’s side, Savior, we are thine.

Not for weight of glory, not for crown and palm,
Enter we the army, raise the warrior psalm;
But for Love that claimeth lives for whom he died;
He whom Jesus nameth must be on his side.
By thy love constraining, by thy grace divine,

Jesus, thou hast bought us, not with gold or gem,
But with thine own lifeblood, for thy diadem:
With thy blessing filling each who comes to thee,
Thou hast made us willing, thou hast made us free,
By thy grand redemption, by thy grace divine,

Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the fore,
But the King’s own army none can overthrow:
Round his standard ranging, vict’ry is secure;
For his truth unchanging makes the triumph sure.
Joyfully enlisting by thy grace divine,

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

Danish

Postlude

We welcome Mrs Wendy Wickham as our organist today.

Redeemer Classical Christian School is collecting clothes, bedding & linens, kitchen items, hand-held appliances, home decorations, toys, games and small electronics as a fundraiser. If you have anything to donate, please drop it off in Room 11 no later than TODAY.

A Congregational Work Day is planned for Saturday, May 1st from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Mark your calendar and join us!

Missions Report: We will be joined by Phil Fiol (MTW missionary in South Asia) and two of his daughters for a cookout & mission report on Sunday, May 2 at 4 p.m. at John & Julie's home. **YOU MUST RSVP** for this cookout. Please scan the box below using the camera app on your smartphone; or call, text, or email John by no later than Monday, April 26.

