

# The Lord's Day

July 25, 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...**

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

**2 Corinthians 8:9 (ESV)**

Prelude

Meditation on *Crimond (The Lord Is My Shepherd)*

Wells

Dr. Kenneth Dean, Director of Music

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

Pastor Ceselsky

## 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. 6

*O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord*

Tidings

O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Maker, And all within me bless his holy name;  
Bless thou the Lord, forget not all his mercies, His pard'ning grace and saving love proclaim.

***Bless him forever, wondrous in might, Bless him, his servants that in his will delight.***

Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion, Most slow to anger, plenteous in love;  
Rich is his grace to all that humbly seek him, Boundless and endless as the heav'ns above.

His love is like a father's to his children, Tender and kind to all who fear his name;  
For well he knows our weakness and our frailty, He knows that we are dust, he knows our frame.

We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beauty, Like tender grass that soon will disappear;  
But evermore the love of God is changeless, Still shown to those who look to him in fear.

High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed forever, His kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole;  
Bless ye the Lord through all his wide dominion, Bless his most holy name, O thou my soul.

Invocation

**We embrace Christ our Savior**

Psalter Reading (**responsive**)

Psalm 40:1-11(NIV)

I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

**He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.

**Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.**

Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

**Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders you have done.**

The things you planned for us no one can recount to you;

**were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.**

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but my ears you have pierced;

**burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.**

Then I said, "Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll.

**"I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."**

I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, as you know, O LORD.

**I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.**

I do not conceal your love and your truth from the great assembly.

**Do not withhold your mercy from me, O LORD; may your love and your truth always protect me.**

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

The Belgic Confession, Art. 37.1

**[The day of] judgment is justly terrible and dreadful to the wicked and ungodly, but most desirable and comfortable to the righteous and the elect; because then their full deliverance shall be perfected, and there they shall receive the fruits of their labor and trouble which they have borne. Their innocence shall be known to all, and they shall see the terrible vengeance which God shall execute on the wicked, who most cruelly persecuted, oppressed, and tormented them in this world; and who shall be convicted by the testimony of their own consciences, and, being immortal, shall be tormented in that everlasting fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels.**

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 2:11-14 (ESV)

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all the people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Hymn No. 230

*Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor*

French carol

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor;  
Thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire paved courts for stable floor.  
Thou who was rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man;  
Stooping so low, but sinners raising, heav'nward by thine eternal plan.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man;

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou wouldst have us be.  
Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.

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

Offertory

*Intermezzo* (from Cavalleria Rusticana.)

Mascagni

**We hear God speak**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 37:21-40 (ESV)

- <sup>21</sup>The wicked borrows but does not pay back,  
but the righteous is generous and gives;  
<sup>22</sup>for those blessed by the LORD shall inherit the land,  
but those cursed by him shall be cut off.  
<sup>23</sup>The steps of a man are established by the LORD,  
when he delights in his way;  
<sup>24</sup>though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong,  
for the LORD upholds his hand.  
<sup>25</sup>I have been young, and now am old,  
yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken  
or his children begging for bread.  
<sup>26</sup>He is ever lending generously,  
and his children become a blessing.  
<sup>27</sup>Turn away from evil and do good;  
so shall you dwell forever.  
<sup>28</sup>For the LORD loves justice;  
he will not forsake his saints.  
They are preserved forever,  
but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.  
<sup>29</sup>The righteous shall inherit the land  
and dwell upon it forever.  
<sup>30</sup>The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,  
and his tongue speaks justice.  
<sup>31</sup>The law of his God is in his heart;  
his steps do not slip.  
<sup>32</sup>The wicked watches for the righteous  
and seeks to put him to death.  
<sup>33</sup>The LORD will not abandon him to his power  
or let him be condemned when he is brought to trial.  
<sup>34</sup>Wait for the LORD and keep his way,  
and he will exalt you to inherit the land;  
you will look on when the wicked are cut off.  
<sup>35</sup>I have seen a wicked, ruthless man,  
spreading himself like a green laurel tree.

<sup>36</sup> But he passed away, and behold, he was no more;  
though I sought him, he could not be found.  
<sup>37</sup> Mark the blameless and behold the upright,  
for there is a future for the man of peace.  
<sup>38</sup> But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed;  
the future of the wicked shall be cut off.  
<sup>39</sup> The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;  
he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.  
<sup>40</sup> The LORD helps them and delivers them;  
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,  
because they take refuge in him.

Sermon

“Two Paths and Two Futures”

Pastor Bell

**We respond to God’s grace**

Hymn No. 655

*O Safe to the Rock That Is Higher Than I*

Sankey

O safe to the Rock that is higher than I My soul in is conflicts and sorrows would fly,  
So sinful, so weary, thine, thine would I be; Thou blest Rock of Ages, I’m hiding in thee.

***Hiding in thee, hiding in thee—Thou blest Rock of Ages, I’m hiding in thee.***

In the calm of the noontide, in sorrow’s lone hour, In times when temptation casts o’er me its  
pow’r,  
In the tempests of life, on its wide, heaving sea, Thou blest Rock of Ages, I’m hiding in thee.

How oft in the conflict, when pressed by the foe, I have fled to my refuge and breathed out my  
woe!

How often when trials like sea billows roll, Have I hidden in thee, O thou Rock of my soul!

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

Danish

Postlude

*The Heavens are Resounding*

Beethoven

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**On Sunday, August 8th, 2021**, a choir of amateur singers will gather with Stephen Holmes and Brian Bartoldus to sing one of the great choral masterworks, the Vivaldi Gloria. All are welcome regardless of experience! The Boychoir Center will have music to loan, or you may access it for free online at: Gloria in D major, RV 589 (Vivaldi, Antonio) - IMSLP: Free Sheet Music PDF Download It is requested that unvaccinated singers wear masks. Vaccinated singers will be permitted to sing unmasked. Please join us. Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted.  
Schedule: 5:00: Registration; 5:30: Rehearsal; 7:00: Refreshments; 7:30: Concert.

**The Handel Choir of Baltimore** is auditioning soloists and professional choristers for all voice parts for our ’21/’22 season. Signups for our July 30/31 soloist/pro-chorister auditions can be found at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054aa8af2aa1fb6-soloist5> For more information or to schedule another audition time, please visit [handelchoir.org](http://handelchoir.org) or e-mail us at [info@handelchoir.org](mailto:info@handelchoir.org).

**A Sprinkle for Angela Andrade** will be held celebrating her new baby BOY with light snacks and cake on Saturday, August 7 at 1 p.m. at Aisquith. This event is open to all of the women at Aisquith and is

NOT a surprise. Please RSVP to Julie Ceselsky by text (410-340-5330) or by email (julie\_ceselsky@verizon.net) by Sunday, August 1.

**A NEW Photo-Directory** is coming. Pastor Ceselsky will be reviewing information and taking family pictures for the directory. We would really like to have 100% participation.