

The Lord's Day

October 24, 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...

⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5, 6 (ESV)

Prelude *Divinum Mysterium (Of The Father's Love Begotten)* Douglas
Dr. Kenneth Dean, Director of Music

Aisquith Life and Opportunities Pastor Ceselsky

We praise our great God

Call to Worship (**responsive**) Psalm 145:1-3, 8, 9 (ESV)

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

Hymn No. 342 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Regent Square

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving kindness hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

Here vouch-safe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain,
What they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain,
And here-after in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,

One in might , and One in glory, while unending ages run.

Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (**responsive**)

Psalm 5 (ESV)

¹ Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my groaning.

² **Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.**

³ O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

⁴ **For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.**

⁵ The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

⁶ **You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.**

⁷ But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

⁸ **Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.**

⁹ For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

¹⁰ **Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels;**

because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.

¹¹ **But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy,**

and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.

¹² **For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.**

Assurance of Pardon (**responsive**)

1 Peter 5:5b-9 (ESV)

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another,

for ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

Casting all [our] anxieties on him, because he cares for [us].

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Westminster Confession of Faith, XXVI.1

All saints, that are united to Jesus Christ their Head, by His Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with Him in His grace, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory; and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other’s gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as to conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

Hymn

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

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How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders,
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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

Through It All

A. Crouch/Dean

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-4 (ESV)

2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Sermon

"You're Not Number One!"

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 302

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice, Alleluia! Amen!

Come, life your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

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

Danish

Postlude

Variations on FABEN

John Wilcox

Pledge cards for 2022 are in the bulletin and in the narthex. Please consider filling out a pledge card and placing it in the offering plate. These greatly assist the Session in preparing the budget for the coming year.

Officer Nominations for Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses can be made by submitting names to either John Cicone (Clerk of Session) or Pastor Ceselsky.

Funds are Needed for the Tiemann Music Fund: With the holidays coming and the mask mandate likely to remain in place, we cannot have a choir. Dr. Dean would therefore like to enhance our worship with soloists and musicians. If you are able to give to this fund, please use one of the pink envelopes and label it "Tiemann Music Fund."

The Bell Choir will be holding its first practice at the church on Saturday, November 6 at 1 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome to join.

All are Welcome to Join Dr. Dean and several other church musicians on Sunday, October 31 at 4 p.m. at Arnolia United Methodist Church (Joppa Rd. at Oakleigh Rd.) for a Halloween Spooktacular Concert. This will be a treat you won't want to miss!

The Women's Bible Study will begin on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Room 11. Gwen Cicone will be leading the study using Rafiki material on 1 Samuel.

The Men's Bible Study will also meet at the same time doing the Rafiki 1 Samuel study.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are in the narthex. Filled boxes must be returned to the church no later than Sunday, November 14.

We are still collecting used inkjet cartridges. There is a box in the kitchen labeled for the donations.