

## *The Lord's Day*

April 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...*

*Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.*

**Revelation 5:9-10**

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

Pastor Bell

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

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:4-6 (ESV)

Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Hymn No. 101

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Trinity

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise, Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success,  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,  
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore.

Invocation

### **We embrace Christ our Savior**

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalms 89:5-18 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!  
<sup>6</sup> **For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,**  
<sup>7</sup> a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him?  
<sup>8</sup> **O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O Lord, with your faithfulness all around you?**  
<sup>9</sup> You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them.  
<sup>10</sup> **You crushed Rahab like a carcass; you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.**  
<sup>11</sup> The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them.  
<sup>12</sup> **The north and the south, you have created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.**  
<sup>13</sup> You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand.  
<sup>14</sup> **Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.**  
<sup>15</sup> Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
<sup>16</sup> **who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.**  
<sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.  
<sup>18</sup> **For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:13-20 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> [The Lord] has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.  
<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Confession of Faith VII.2

**The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.**

Hymn No. 181

*We Come, O Christ, to You*

Darwall

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,  
By whom all things consist, in whom all life began;  
In you alone we live and move and have our being in your love.

You are the Way to god, your blood our ransom paid;  
In you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.  
Before the throne absolved we stand, your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in you,  
The Source of every skill, the one eternal TRUE!  
O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, to know you is to live  
The more abundant life that earth can never give;  
O risen Lord! We live in you; in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,  
To you our youth and strength adoringly we bring;  
So fill our hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.

Celebration of Baptism

Daniela Isabel Andrade

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 13:1-10 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. <sup>2</sup> And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>3</sup> One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. <sup>4</sup> And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

<sup>5</sup> And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup> It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup> Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, <sup>8</sup> and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. <sup>9</sup> If anyone has an ear, let him hear: <sup>10</sup> If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain.

Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

Sermon

"The Beast out of the Sea"

Pastor Ceselsky

**We respond to God's grace**

Hymn No. 300

*Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power*

O Quanta Qualia

Blessing and honor and glory and power,  
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore  
Give ye to him who our battle hath won,

Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Soundeth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name;  
Ringeth the earth with his glory and fame;  
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower  
Echo his praises and tell of his power.

Ever ascendeth the song and the joy;  
Ever descendeth the love from on high;  
Blessing and honor and glory and praise—  
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;  
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;  
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,  
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

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

Danish

Postlude

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**We welcome Mrs. Wendy Wickham as our organist today.**

**In Baptism, we welcome Daniela Isabel Andrade** into the covenant community, and visible church at Aisquith. It is our fervent prayer that she will quickly “enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord’s.” (WLC 165)

**A Congregational Work Day** is planned for NEXT Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 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 NEXT Sunday, May 2 at 4 p.m. at John & Julie’s home. YOU MUST RSVP for this cookout. Please scan QR code on one of the signs in the narthex using the camera app on your smartphone; or call, text, or email John by no later than TOMORROW, Monday, April 26.