

## *The Lord's Day*

June 6, 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...*

*Corporate worship rescues us again and again by reminding us that there is only one glory worth giving our lives  
to—the glory of God.* **Paul David Tripp**

Prelude *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling* Thompson  
Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr., Director of Music

Aisquith Life and Opportunities Pastor Ceselsky

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

Call to Worship Psalm 145:18; Isaiah 55:6, 7

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call on him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

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**

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

<sup>8</sup> **the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

<sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> **Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup> **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

**Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I have never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift of God with a believing heart.**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

***On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.***

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

**We respond in gratitude for God's blessing**

**We hear God speak in Word and Sacrament**

**33** Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

**Praise befits the upright.**

- <sup>2</sup> Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;  
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
- <sup>3</sup> Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- <sup>4</sup> For the word of the LORD is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- <sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup> By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,  
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
- <sup>7</sup> He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;  
he puts the deeps in storehouses.
- <sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the LORD;  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
- <sup>9</sup> For he spoke, and it came to be;  
he commanded, and it stood firm.
- <sup>10</sup> The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;  
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
- <sup>11</sup> The counsel of the LORD stands forever,  
the plans of his heart to all generations.
- <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
- <sup>13</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven;  
he sees all the children of man;  
<sup>14</sup> from where he sits enthroned he looks out  
on all the inhabitants of the earth,  
<sup>15</sup> he who fashions the hearts of them all  
and observes all their deeds.
- <sup>16</sup> The king is not saved by his great army;  
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
- <sup>17</sup> The war horse is a false hope for salvation,  
and by its great might it cannot rescue.
- <sup>18</sup> Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,  
<sup>19</sup> that he may deliver their soul from death  
and keep them alive in famine.
- <sup>20</sup> Our soul waits for the LORD;  
he is our help and our shield.
- <sup>21</sup> For our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name.
- <sup>22</sup> Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.

Sermon

“Praise Befits the Upright”

Pastor Bell

Hymn

*Behold the Lamb (The Communion Hymn)*

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away Slain for us and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith Find forgiveness at the cross

*So we share in this bread of life And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace Around the table of the King*

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you Eat and remember  
The wounds that healed the death that brings us life Paid the price to make us one

*So we share in this bread of life And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love Around the table of the King*

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you Drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in To receive the life of God

*So we share in this bread of life And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace Around the table of the King*

The Lord's Supper

**We respond to God's grace**

Hymn

*Behold the Lamb (The Communion Hymn)*

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And so with thankfulness and faith we rise To respond and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ As His body He loves us

*And we share in his suffering We proclaim Christ will come again  
And with joy in the feast of Heaven Around the table of the King  
Around the table of the King*

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

Danish

Postlude

*Ode to Joy*

Beethoven (arr. K. Dean)

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**We welcome Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr.** as our new Director of Music Ministries today!

**A congregational meeting** is hereby called by the Session to take place immediately following the worship service TODAY. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the purchase of a used, digital organ for the sanctuary. The estimated cost for the organ, with installation, is \$28,550. Our by-laws require congregational approval for any purchase greater than \$15,000.

**Rafiki and Refreshments:** John & Gwen Cicone would like to invite you for light refreshments and a short presentation about the work of the Rafiki foundation after worship this morning. There will be a time for your questions and products from the Widow's Exchange.

**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.