

The Lord's Day

September 26, 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...

O sweet Jesus, pierce the marrow of my soul with the shafts of Thy love, that it may burn and melt, and languish with only the desire of Thee. Let it always desire Thee, and seek Thee, and find Thee, and sweetly rest in Thee. Be Thou in all my thoughts, in all my words, in all my actions; that my thoughts, my words, and my actions being sanctified by Thee here, I may be glorified by Thee hereafter.

Francis Quarles (1592-1644)

Prelude

Largo (Xerxes)

Handel
Dr. Kenneth Dean, Director of Music

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

Pastor Ceselsky

We praise our great God

Call to Worship (**responsive**)

Psalm 24:1-5 (ESV)

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Hymn No. 604

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Marion

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maidens meek,
Raise high your free, exulting song; God's wondrous praises speak.

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth!

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.

At last the march shall end, the wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest.

Then on, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (**responsive**)

Psalms 119:113-128 (ESV)

I hate the double-minded, but I love your law.
You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word.
Depart from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the commandments of my God.
Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live, and let me not be put to shame in my hope!
Hold me up, that I may be safe and have regard for your statutes continually!
You spurn all who go astray from your statutes, for their cunning is in vain.
All the wicked of the earth you discard like dross, therefore I love your testimonies.
My flesh trembles for fear of you, and I am afraid of your judgments.

I have done what is just and right; do not leave me to my oppressors.
Give your servant a pledge of good; let not the insolent oppress me.
My eyes long for your salvation and for the fulfillment of your righteous promise.
Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statutes.
I am your servant; give me understanding, that I may know your testimonies!
It is time for the LORD to act, for your law has been broken.
Therefore I love your commandments above gold, above fine gold.
Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right; I hate every false way.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 (ESV)

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 90 (ed.)

What shall be done to the righteous at the day of judgment?

At the day of judgment, the righteous, being caught up to Christ in the clouds, shall be set on His right hand, and there openly acknowledged and acquitted, shall join with Him in the judging of reprobate angels and men, and shall be received into heaven, where they shall be fully and for ever freed from all sin and misery; filled with inconceivable joys, made perfectly holy and happy both in body and soul...

Hymn

Holy Spirit

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Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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

Amazing Grace

Newton

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:9-11 (**ESV**)

⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Sermon

“Growing Up into Glory”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 538

More about Jesus Would I Know

Sweney

More about Jesus would I know, more of his grace to others show;
More of his saving fullness see, more of his love who died for me.

***More, more about Jesus, more, more about Jesus,
More of his saving fullness see, more of his love who died for me.***

More about Jesus let me learn, more of his holy will discern;
Spirit of God, my teacher be, showing the things of Christ to me.

More about Jesus; in his Word, holding communion with my Lord;
Hearing his voice in ev'ry line, making each faithful saying mine.

More about Jesus on his throne, riches in glory all his own;
More of his kingdom's sure increase; more of his coming, Prince of Peace.

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

Danish

Postlude

The Rejoicing

Handel

A Congregational Meeting is hereby called for THIS MORNING following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on several changes to Aisquith's By-laws. Details and rationale are available in the narthex. If you have any questions please speak to one of the pastors.

Aisquith Photo Directories are available in the narthex. PLEASE NOTE that there is a replacement page to go in your directory if you have already taken one. (There are more changes to come.) Please let Pastor Ceselsky know if there are any other changes needed.

Anyone interested in joining a Bell choir should meet with Dr. Dean in the choir loft NEXT SUNDAY.