

## *The Lord's Day*

September 12, 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...*

*God gives His gifts where He finds the vessel empty enough to receive them.*

*C. S. Lewis*

Prelude

*Be Thou My Vision*

Slane  
Dr. Kenneth Dean, Director of Music

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

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

Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3-6 (ESV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Hymn No. 17

*Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him*

Faben

Praise the Lord: ye heav'ns adore him; praise him, angels, in the height;  
Sun and moon, rejoice before him; praise him all ye stars and light.  
Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken; worlds his mighty voice obeyed:  
Laws which never shall be broken for their guidance hath he made.

Praise the Lord, for he is glorious; never shall his promise fail:  
God hath made his saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation; hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;  
Heav'n and earth and all creation, laud and magnify his name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto thee;  
Young and old, thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee.  
All the saints in heav'n adore thee; we would bow before thy throne:  
As thine angels serve before thee, so on earth thy will be done.

Invocation

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

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

**Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!**

The King in his might loves justice.

**You have established equity;**

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!**

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.

**They called to the LORD, and he answered them.**

In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;

**they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them.**

O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

**Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!**

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:12, 15-17 (**ESV**)

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned . . . But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Heidelberg Confession, Q. 32

Why are you called a Christian?

**Because by faith I am a member of Christ and thus a partaker of His anointing, in order that I also may confess His Name, may present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him, and that with a free conscience I may fight against sin and the devil in this life, and hereafter in eternity reign with Him over all creatures.**

Hymn No. 523

*My Hope Is in the Lord*

Wakefield

My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me,  
And paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

*For me he died, for me he lives,  
And everlasting life and light he freely gives.*

No merit of my own his anger to suppress,

My only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness.

And now for me he stands, before the Father's throne.  
He shows his wounded hands, and names me as his own.

His grace has planned it all, 'tis mine but to believe,  
And recognize his work of love and Christ receive.

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 *You'll Never Walk Alone* Rodgers

**We hear God speak**

Scripture Reading *Philippians 1:1, 2 (ESV)*

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon "Sinners, Saints, and Servants" Pastor Bell

**We respond to God's grace**

Hymn *O Church, Arise* Getty & Townend  
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O church, arise and put your armor on; Hear the call of Christ our captain;  
For now the weak can say that they are strong In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!" Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole We will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet, As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away, And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This vict'ry march continues till the day Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way, Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

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

Danish

**A Congregational Meeting** is hereby called for Sunday, September 26, 2021 following the morning 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. Please let Pastor Ceselsky know if there are any other changes needed.