

## *The Lord's Day*

June 20, 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...*

*The difficulties you face are not in the way of God's plan, they do not show the failure of God's plan, and they are not signs he has turned his back on you. No, those tough moments are a sure sign of the zeal of his redemptive love.*

*Paul David Tripp*

Prelude

*Let There Be Peace On Earth*

Jackson/Miller  
Dr. Kenneth Dean, Director of Music

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

Pastor Ceselsky

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1, 8, 9, 28, 29 (ESV)

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Hymn No. 2

*O Worship the King*

Lyons

O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavillioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;  
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn you above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Invocation

**We embrace Christ our Savior**

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 63 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.  
<sup>2</sup> **So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**  
<sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.  
<sup>4</sup> **So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.**  
<sup>5</sup> My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, <sup>6</sup> when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;  
<sup>7</sup> **for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.**  
<sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.  
<sup>9</sup> **But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth;**  
<sup>10</sup> they shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals.  
<sup>11</sup> **But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped.**

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Qs. 76-78

Which is the ninth commandment? **The ninth commandment is “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.”**

What is required in the ninth commandment? **The ninth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor’s good name, especially in witness-bearing.**

What is forbidden in the ninth commandment? **The ninth commandment forbids whatever is prejudicial to truth or injurious to our own or our neighbor’s, good name.**

Assurance of Pardon

Zephaniah 3:14-17 (ESV)

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The LORD has taken away the judgments against [us]; he has cleared away [our] enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Hymn No. 188

*Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting*

Mountain

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart,  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, as thy beauty fills my soul,  
For by thy transforming power, thou hast made me whole.

***Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.***

O how great thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!  
O how marvelous thy goodness lavished all on me!  
Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is thine,

Know thy certainty of promise and have made it mine.

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus, I behold thee as thou art,  
And thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;  
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its ev'ry need,  
Compasseth me round with blessings: thine is love indeed.

Ever lift thy face upon me as I work and wait for thee;  
Resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.  
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,  
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with thy grace.

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

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Chisholm

**We hear God speak**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 35 (ESV)

**35** Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me!  
<sup>2</sup> Take hold of shield and buckler and rise for my help!  
<sup>3</sup> Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers! Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!"  
<sup>4</sup> Let them be put to shame and dishonor who seek after my life! Let them be turned back and disappointed who devise evil against me!  
<sup>5</sup> Let them be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the LORD driving them away!  
<sup>6</sup> Let their way be dark and slippery, with the angel of the LORD pursuing them!  
<sup>7</sup> For without cause they hid their net for me; without cause they dug a pit for my life.  
<sup>8</sup> Let destruction come upon him when he does not know it! And let the net that he hid ensnare him; let him fall into it—to his destruction!  
<sup>9</sup> Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD, exulting in his salvation.  
<sup>10</sup> All my bones shall say, "O LORD, who is like you, delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, the poor and needy from him who robs him?"  
<sup>11</sup> Malicious witnesses rise up; they ask me of things that I do not know.  
<sup>12</sup> They repay me evil for good; my soul is bereft.  
<sup>13</sup> But I, when they were sick—I wore sackcloth; I afflicted myself with fasting; I prayed with head bowed on my chest.  
<sup>14</sup> I went about as though I grieved for my friend or my brother; as one who laments his mother, I bowed down in mourning.  
<sup>15</sup> But at my stumbling they rejoiced and gathered; they gathered together against me; wretches whom I did not know tore at me without ceasing;  
<sup>16</sup> like profane mockers at a feast, they gnash at me with their teeth.  
<sup>17</sup> How long, O Lord, will you look on? Rescue me from their destruction, my precious life from the lions!  
<sup>18</sup> I will thank you in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise you.  
<sup>19</sup> Let not those rejoice over me who are wrongfully my foes, and let not those wink the eye who hate me without cause.

<sup>20</sup> For they do not speak peace, but against those who are quiet in the land they devise words of deceit.

<sup>21</sup> They open wide their mouths against me; they say, “Aha, Aha! Our eyes have seen it!”

<sup>22</sup> You have seen, O LORD; be not silent! O Lord, be not far from me!

<sup>23</sup> Awake and rouse yourself for my vindication, for my cause, my God and my Lord!

<sup>24</sup> Vindicate me, O LORD, my God, according to your righteousness, and let them not rejoice over me!

<sup>25</sup> Let them not say in their hearts, “Aha, our heart’s desire!” Let them not say, “We have swallowed him up.”

<sup>26</sup> Let them be put to shame and disappointed altogether who rejoice at my calamity! Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor who magnify themselves against me!

<sup>27</sup> Let those who delight in my righteousness shout for joy and be glad and say evermore, “Great is the LORD, who delights in the welfare of his servant!”

<sup>28</sup> Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness and of your praise all the day long.

Sermon

“The Lord Our Champion”

Pastor Bell

**We respond to God’s grace**

Hymn No. 699

*Like a River Glorious*

Wye Valley

Like a river glorious is God’s perfect peace,  
Over all victorious in its bright increase;  
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev’ry day,  
Perfect yet it growth deeper all the way.

***Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,  
Finding as he promised, perfect peace and rest.***

Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand,  
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;  
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,  
Not a blast of hurry, touch the spirit there.

Ev’ry joy or trial falleth from above,  
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.  
We may trust him fully all for us to do;  
They who trust him wholly find him wholly true.

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

Danish

Postlude

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John Richards

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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.