

The Lord's Day

We prepare for worship

Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...

How can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. Matthew 12:29

Prelude

Be Thou With Me

J.S. Bach

Dr. Kenneth Dean, Director of Music Ministries

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalms 66:1-4

¹ Shout for joy to God, all the earth; ² sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!
³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. ⁴ All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

Invocation

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Ode to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the Joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sun-ward In the triumph song of life.

We embrace Christ our Savior

Corporate Confession of Sin (**unison**)

based on Proverbs 3:1-11

Father, we have forgotten your teaching, and our hearts do not keep your commandments. We have forsaken your steadfast love and your faithfulness. We have not trusted in the Lord with all our hearts; rather, we have leaned on our own understanding. We have failed to acknowledge you in all our ways. We seek to be wise in our own eyes; and do not fear the Lord, nor turn away from evil. We do not honor the Lord with our wealth nor with the firstfruits of all our labors. We have despised the Lord's discipline and been weary of his reproof, even as it demonstrates your great love for us.

Silent Confession before The Lord

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:28-30

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Westminster Confession of Faith 5.1

God, the great Creator of all things, doth uphold, direct dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

Hymn No. 691

It Is Well with My Soul

Ville du Havre

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so”—it is well with my soul.

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

Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee

John B. Dykes

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:23-24

²³ Therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Sermon

“The Illumination of Providence”

Pastor Ceselsky

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 108

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Was Gott Tut

Whate'er my God ordains is right: his holy will abideth;
I will be still whate'er he doth, and follow where he guideth.
He is my God; though dark my road, he holds me that I shall not fall:
Wherefore to him I leave my all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: he never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path; I know he will not leave me.
I take, content, what he hath send; his hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait his day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup, in drinking,
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking.
My God is true; each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand by taken;
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there; he holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to him I leave it all.

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

Danish

Postlude

HOLY MANNA- Brethren, We Have Met To Worship

William Moore

Sermon Notes

Date:

Text: Genesis 3:22-23

Sermon Title: “The Illumination of Providence”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: We are called to be thankful, even for the difficult providence we encounter in this life.

Main Point 1: Protecting us from the evil one.

Main Point 2: Protecting us from ourselves.

Point 1: Protection from looking back at our failures.

Point 2: Protection from the things we would do.

Main Point 3: Protecting us from Himself.