

# *The Lord's Day*

November 6, 2022 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...*

*<sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.* Colossians 1:13-14

Prelude *Because He Lives* W. J. Gaither arr. Fred Bock  
Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr. – Director of Music Ministries

*Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.*

Aisquith Life and Opportunities RE Mark Werner

## **We praise our great God**

Call to Worship Psalm 145:10-13

- <sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your saints shall bless you!  
<sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your power,  
<sup>12</sup> to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.  
<sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Invocation

Hymn No. 92 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Ein' Feste Burg

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,  
And he must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure,  
For lo! His doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them abideth;  
The spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

### We embrace Christ's Call

Confession of Sin (Responsive)

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?  
[We must] not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor  
[those] who practice homosexuality, <sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor  
revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

Individual Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Corinthians 6:11

<sup>11</sup> And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in  
the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, VIII.5

**The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself, which He through the  
eternal Spirit once offered up unto God, has fully satisfied the justice of His Father; and  
purchased not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven,  
for all those whom the Father has given unto Him.**

Hymn No. 165

*Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

Lyons

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad his wonderful name;  
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;  
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
And still he is nigh—his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,

All glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing, with angels adore,  
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

**We acknowledge God's blessings**

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Seek Ye The Lord*

J.V. Roberts  
The Aisquith Choir

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near; seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and return unto the Lord, return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy, and abundantly pardon, He will have mercy, and abundantly pardon, abundantly pardon, abundantly pardon.

*The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731) and Prayer of Dedication*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

Scripture Reading

Acts 5:12-42

Pew Bible pg. 913

<sup>12</sup> Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup> None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup> And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup> so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup> The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

<sup>17</sup> But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup> they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup> "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." <sup>21</sup> And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. <sup>22</sup> But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup> "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." <sup>24</sup> Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. <sup>25</sup> And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." <sup>26</sup> Then the captain

with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

<sup>27</sup> And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.” <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

<sup>33</sup> When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup> But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup> And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. <sup>36</sup> For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup> After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup> So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup> but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, <sup>40</sup> and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup> Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup> And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

Sermon

“How the Kingdom Advances”

Pastor Bell

*Sermon Outline can be found on the back page of the bulletin.*

Celebration of The Lord’s Supper

**We respond to God’s grace**

Hymn

*Behold the Lamb*

Getty

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...**

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 ...**

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

**As 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 *I Am Bound For The Promised Land (Trad. American Melody)* arr. Lynette Maynard

*Please be seated and quietly reflect upon the Lord's grace during the Postlude.*

---

**Announcements**

**We welcome Pastor Emeritus Bell** this morning as he brings God's Word to us.

**Please Sign-Up for our NEW Email Blast System.** If you were receiving emails through the old system, you should have received an email asking you to reconfirm. If you were not on the old system, please sign-up on our new system at the bottom of our website: [www.aisquith.org](http://www.aisquith.org).

**November has been set aside for prayer for MTW.** Prayer guides are available on the tables in the narthex.

**Operation Christmas Child Boxes** are available in the narthex. The deadline to return the boxes is NEXT Sunday.

**Donations are needed** for the HELP Fund, FACILITIES Fund and SPECIAL MUSIC Fund. The Help Fund is used to assist Aisquith members who are in need and have been used recently to help two widows with important home repairs. The Facilities Fund is used for upgrades to our physical facility here at Aisquith. The Special Music Fund is used to enhance our worship through music – with Christmas coming up we need to raise some funds for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Please use the pink envelopes in the pew racks to make the donations.

**Our Thanksgiving Offering** this year will be going to Mission to North America's Disaster Response Ministry. There is great need this year to serve those suffering from the effects of Hurricane Ian.

**We are still collecting inkjet cartridges.** There is a box in the kitchen for any donations.

**Prayer Requests**

1. Please continue to be in prayer for David Carson as he will be having multiple eye surgeries this month.
2. Please be in prayer for the many members, family members and friends of the Aisquith Community who currently struggling various illnesses and other physical and emotional issues.

### Weekly Calendar

TODAY:	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages Children – Room 17 Adults and Older Children – Room 11
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with The Lord's Supper (Nursery is available in Room 25)
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Room 11 (Please note the location change!)
Thursday	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir Practice – Room 28
Saturday	11:00 AM	Choir Practice – Room 27
NEXT Sunday	<b><u>Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due</u></b>	
	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages Children – Room 17 Adults and Older Children – Room 11
	10:30 AM	Worship Service

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7:00 PM  
Saturday, November 26 – Christmas Decorating – 9:00 AM

### Church Officers

**Ruling Elders:** Jeff Soule & Mark Werner (Clerk)

**Deacons:** Andrew Bell, Gus DeFord, & Ken Schumann (President)

**Deaconesses:** Christine Clark, Debbie DeFord, Fran Oswinkle, & Jeanne Williams (Moderator)

### Sermon Notes

Date: November 6, 2022

Text: Acts 5:12-42

Sermon Title: "How the Kingdom Advances"

Delivered By: Pastor Emeritus Robert Bell

Proposition: God's purpose is to build His Kingdom here and now as we await the return of our Savior, and nothing will stand in His way.

Main Point 1: Satan will Attack the Truth of the Kingdom.

Main Point 2: God will Affirm the Truth of the Kingdom.

Main Point 3: The Holy Spirit will Advance the Truth of the Kingdom.