

The Lord's Day

February 26, 2023 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 rule of reward is not the talents or gifts, nor the success of ministers, but their labors. This brings the humblest on a level with the most exalted; the least successful with the most highly favored. The faithful, laborious minister or missionary who labors in obscurity and without apparent fruit, will meet a reward far beyond that of those who, with less self-denial and effort, are made the instruments of great results. Charles Hodge

Prelude

Processional

Sandra Eithun
The Aisquith Handbell Choir

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Jeremiah 2:2-3a

² Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem, Thus says the Lord,
'I remember the devotion of your youth,
your love as a bride,
how you followed me in the wilderness,
in a land not sown.
^{3a} Israel was holy to the Lord,
the firstfruits of his harvest.'

Invocation

Hymn No. 97

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

Kremser

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
Through life's storm and tempest our Guide you have been.
When perils o'er take us, escape you will make us,
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,

To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us;
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

We embrace Christ's Call

Call to Devotion

Matthew 6:24a

**No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other,
or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.**

Corporate Confession of Sin (Responsive)

Romans 7:14-20

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.

¹⁵ **For I do not understand my own actions.**

For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

¹⁶ **Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.**

¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

¹⁸ **For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh.**

For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

¹⁹ **For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.**

²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

Individual Confession of Sin

Assurance of God's Grace

Romans 7:24-25a

²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Hymn No. 642

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Son!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

It is Well

Phillip Bliss
The Aisquith Handbell Choir

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

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 3:4-9a

Pew Bible pg. 953

⁴ For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ^{9a} For we are God's fellow workers.

Sermon

"Devotion"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's grace

Hymn

In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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

Danish

Postlude

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing (Tune: Sicilian Mariners) - Todd Kendall

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

Announcements

Order you Easter Tulips Today! The book to sign up to purchase tulips for Easter is located in the narthex (or you can email Pastor Ceselsky to place an order). The cost of the tulips is \$10 (please use a pink envelope and label the donation as "Flower Fund"). The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 19.

The Tiemann Special Music Fund is in need of donations for 2023. With Easter approaching quickly this year, we are in need of funds to be able to enhance our worship not only during the Easter season, but throughout the year.

Our Hand Bell Choir is seeking donations to the Tiemann Special Music Fund so that the bells can receive an overdue refurbishment.

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

Prayer Requests

1. 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 (Nursery is available in Room 25)
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir Practice – Room 28
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Women’s Bible Study – Rooms 15-16
Saturday	11:00 AM	Choir Practice – Room 27
NEXT Sunday	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)

Church Officers

Ruling Elders: Jeff Soule & Mark Werner (Clerk)

Deacons: Andrew Bell, Gus DeFord, Ken Schumann (President), and Rick Willis

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

Sermon Notes

Date: February 26, 2023

Text: 1 Corinthians 3:4-9a

Sermon Title: “Devotion”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Our devotion must be to the Lord alone.

Main Point 1: The fleshliness of devotion to human leaders (vss. 4,5)

Point 1: Attraction to Personality

Point 2: The problem of factions

Main Point 2: The calling of human leaders.

Point 1: Called to plant (v. 6)

Point 2: Called to water (v. 6)

Point 3: Called to submit to God's sovereignty (vss. 5-7)

Main Point 3: The unity of human leaders

Point 1: Unity of Purpose (v. 8)

Point 2: Unity of reward (v. 8)

Point 3: Unity in the One we serve (v. 9)