

The Lord's Day

March 5, 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...

Just as we are invested in building our marriages, relationships, friendships, and careers, we need to be equally – if not more – involved in building the church, a community of God's grace.

Dr. Stephen Um

Prelude

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Helen H. Lemmel

Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr., Director of Music Ministries

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Isaiah 28:16

Thus says the Lord God,
“Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion,
a stone, a tested stone,
a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation:
‘Whoever believes will not be in haste.’”

Invocation

Hymn No. 342

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Regent Square

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving kindness hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants, what they ask of thee to gain,
What they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might , and One in glory, while unending ages run.

We embrace Christ's Call

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, II.2

God has all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of Himself; and is alone in and unto Himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which He hath made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting His own glory in, by, unto, and upon them; He is the alone foundation of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom, are all things; and has most sovereign dominion over them, to do by them, for them, or upon them, whatsoever pleases Himself. In His sight all things are open and manifest; His knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature; so as nothing is to Him contingent or uncertain. He is most holy in all His counsels, in all His works, and in all His commands. To Him is due from angels and men, and every other creature, whatsoever worship, service, or obedience He is pleased to require of them.

Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)

Deuteronomy 29:25-28

²⁵ People will say, "It is because they abandoned the covenant of the Lord, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt, ²⁶ and went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they had not known and whom he had not allotted to them. ²⁷ Therefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against this land, bringing upon it all the curses written in this book, ²⁸ and the Lord uprooted them from their land in anger and fury and great wrath, and cast them into another land, as they are this day."

Individual Confession of Sin

Assurance of God's Grace

Ephesians 2:19-21

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Hymn No. 94

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you. O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“E’en down to old age all my people shall prove
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

We acknowledge God’s blessings

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

RE Jeff Soule

We respond in gratitude for God’s blessing

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

The Lord is my Light

Frances Allitsen
The Aisquith Choir

The Lord is my Light and my salvation, Whom, then, shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, Of whom then shall I be afraid? Though an host of men were laid against me, Yet shall not my heart be afraid; And though there rose up war against me, Yet will I put my trust in Him. For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in his tabernacle, Yes, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me, And set me up upon a rock of stone. The Lord is my Light and my salvation, Whom, then, shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, Of whom shall I be afraid?

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

1 Corinthians 3:9b-15

Pew Bible pg. 953

^{9b} You are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

Sermon

“The Church’s Foundation”

Pastor Ceselsky

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 No. 347

The Church’s One Foundation

Aurelia

The church’s One foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word:
From heav’n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev’ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

‘Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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

Danish

Postlude

EIN’ FESTE BURG (A Mighty Fortress)

Martin Luther arr. Frederick Swann

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 still seeking donations to the Tiemann Special Music Fund so that the bells can receive an overdue refurbishment.

Baltimore City will be repaving Harford Road in front of the church and reducing the travel lanes to one lane each way. They will be installing bike lanes at the same time. We are not sure how this will affect parking but expect that there will be some parking still available on the street. The road will look much like it does in Hamilton. Work is expected to take place sometime this Spring.

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

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to keep Jeanne Williams' husband, Vic, and Jean Evan's sister in prayer as they recover from recent health issues. Currently Jean is in Virginia with her sister.
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)
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
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS – Set your clocks ahead 1 hour.		
NEXT Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages Children – Room 17 Adults and Older Children – Room 11
	10:30 AM	Worship Service

Coming Soon

Maundy Thursday Worship Service – Thursday, April 6 – 7:00 PM – Aisquith

Good Friday Worship Service – Friday, April 7 – 7:00 PM – Loch Raven Presbyterian Church

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: March 5, 2023

Text: 1 Corinthians 3:9b-15

Sermon Title: “The Church’s Foundation”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The Lord has laid a firm foundation for his church.

Main Point 1: The church rests upon God’s foundation.

Point 1: Jesus Christ (v. 11)

Point 2: Skilled Master-Builders (v. 10)

Point 3: Grace (v. 10)

Main Point 2: The church builds upon God’s foundation.

Point 1: Tested by Fire (vv. 12-13)

Point 2: Rewards for Building (vv. 14-15)