The Lord's Day

March 12, 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...

God is holy; his temple is therefore also holy, set apart for his purposes; and as his temple, you are by implication also to be holy.

Gordon Fee

Prelude

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings (Psalm 84)

S. Liddle

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 Psalm 65:1-4

- ¹ Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.
- ² O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.
- ³ When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.
- ⁴ Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

Invocation

Hymn No. 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee, Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; Ponder anew what the Almighty will do, If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee, Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief, Spreading his wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; Gladly for e'er we adore him.

We embrace Christ's Call

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 35

What is Sanctification?

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Prayer of Confession of Sin (Unison)

based on 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

Heavenly Father, we know that your will for us in our sanctification is that we abstain from all immorality; that each one of us know how to control our own mind and body in holiness and honor, not in the passions of the flesh like those who do not know God. While we know this, we all fall short. We confess that as we transgress your commandments in this manner, we wrong our brother and sisters. We also acknowledge that you, the Lord, you are an avenger in all these things, as you have told us in the solemn warnings of your Word. For you, our God, have not called us to impurity, but to holiness. Therefore, we acknowledge that as we disregard your will and your commands, we disregard not man but you, our Lord and our God, the One who gives his Holy Spirit to us.

Individual Confession of Sin

Assurance of God's Grace

1 Corinthians 6:11

You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Hymn No. 335

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Redhead

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would gracious be; And with words that help and heal would thy life in mine reveal; And with actions bold and meek would for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would truthful be; And with wisdom kind and clear let thy life in mine appear; And with actions brotherly speak my Lord's sincerity.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would mighty be; Mighty so as to prevail where unaided man must fail; Ever by a mighty hope pressing on and bearing up.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would holy be; Separate from sin, I would choose and cherish all things good; And whatever I can be, give to him who gave me thee!

We acknowledge God's blessings

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

RE Mark Werner

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Oh, For A Thousand Tongues

Carl Glazer The Aisquith Choir

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace. My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread thro' all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears; 'Tis life, and health, and peace. He breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin; He sets the pris'ner free. His blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; Ye blind, behold your Savior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise.

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 3:16-17

Pew Bible pg. 953

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Sermon "Where All Roads Lead"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 355 We Are God's People Symphony

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord, Born of his Spirit, established by his Word; Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand; O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, For we have known it, the love of God out-poured; Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv'n; O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heav'n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head, Called to obey him, now risen from the dead; He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one; O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place, Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace; We die alone for on its own each member loses fire; Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

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

Danish

Postlude

Fugue in B-flat Major

J.S. Bach

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). Thee 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 repaying 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 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) Handbell Choir Practice – Room 28 Tuesday 6:30 PM 7:00 PM Joint Board Meeting (Elders & Deacons) – Room 38 Wednesday Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 10:30 AM Saturday Choir Practice - Room 27 11:00 AM Sunday School for all ages NEXT Sunday 9:00 AM 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 (on sabbatical), Gus DeFord, Ken Schumann (President), and Rick Willis **Deaconesses:** Christine Clark, Debbie DeFord, Fran Oswinkle, & Jeanne Williams (Moderator)

Sermon Notes

Date: March 12, 2023 Text: 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Sermon Title: "Where All Roads Lead" Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The church alone is the dwelling-place of God.

Point 1: The united people of the church. (v. 16a)

Point 2: The indwelt nature of the church. (v. 16b)

Point 3: The holiness of the church. (v. 17b)

Point 4: The judgment of the anti-church. (v. 17a)