

The Lord's Day

November 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...

*The common sense of man joins with the providence of God in showing the propriety of every man living by the
fruits of his labor.* Adam Clarke

Prelude

It Is Well

Phillip Bliss

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 116:12-14

¹² What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me?
¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,
¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

Invocation

Hymn No. 76

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

We embrace Christ's Word

Confession of Sin (Responsive)

Psalm 51

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**
³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
⁴ **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,**
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
⁵ **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**
⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
⁷ **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**
⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
⁹ **Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**
¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
¹¹ **Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**
¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
¹³ **Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.**
¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing
aloud of your righteousness.
¹⁵ **O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**
¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt
offering.
¹⁷ **The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will
not despise.**
¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;
¹⁹ **then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then
bulls will be offered on your altar.**

Individual Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just
to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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 Lord's Provision from our Offerings (Responsive)

Numbers 18:21-31

²¹ “To the Levites I have given every tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service that they do, their service in the tent of meeting,

²² **so that the people of Israel do not come near the tent of meeting, lest they bear sin and die.**

²³ But the Levites shall do the service of the tent of meeting, and they shall bear their iniquity.

It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations, and among the people of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

²⁴ For the tithe of the people of Israel, which they present as a contribution to the Lord, I have given to the Levites for an inheritance.

Therefore I have said of them that they shall have no inheritance among the people of Israel.”

²⁵ And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁶ “Moreover, you shall speak and say to the Levites, **‘When you take from the people of Israel the tithe that I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall present a contribution from it to the Lord, a tithe of the tithe.**

²⁷ And your contribution shall be counted to you as though it were the grain of the threshing floor, and as the fullness of the winepress.

²⁸ **So you shall also present a contribution to the Lord from all your tithes, which you receive from the people of Israel.**

And from it you shall give the Lord's contribution to Aaron the priest.

²⁹ **Out of all the gifts to you, you shall present every contribution due to the Lord; from each its best part is to be dedicated.’**

³⁰ Therefore you shall say to them, ‘When you have offered from it the best of it, then the rest shall be counted to the Levites as produce of the threshing floor, and as produce of the winepress.

³¹ **And you may eat it in any place, you and your households, for it is your reward in return for your service in the tent of meeting.**

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Harry Rowe Shelley
The Aisquith Choir

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransom’d soul He leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish, oft I stray’d, But yet in love He sought me, And on His shoulder gently laid, And home rejoicing brought me. Perverse and foolish, oft I stray’d, But yet in love He sought me, And on His shoulder gently laid, And home rejoicing brought me. In death’s dark vale I fear no ill, With Thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy Cross before to guide me. Thou spread’st a table in my sight, Thy unction grace bestoweth, and O the transport of delight, with which my cup o’erfloweth. And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praises Within thy house forever! And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever. Amen.

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 are nourished by God’s Word and Sacrament

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

³ This is my defense to those who would examine me. ⁴ Do we not have the right to eat and drink?
⁵ Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? ⁶ Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living?
⁷ Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?

⁸ Do I say these things on human authority? Does not the Law say the same? ⁹ For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? ¹⁰ Does he not certainly speak for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of sharing in the crop. ¹¹ If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you? ¹² If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we even more?

Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ. ¹³ Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings?

¹⁴ In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

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. 252

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count by loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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

Danish

Postlude

Beneath The Cross of Jesus

Frederick C. Maker

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

Announcements

This Year's Thanksgiving Offering will be used to support Mission to the World's Crates for Ukraine initiative. This is an opportunity to give to churches and to our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in great need as the result of nearly 2 years of war. You can use your Thanksgiving Offering envelope in your envelope box, or you can use a pink envelope and label it "Thanksgiving Offering." The timing of this offering is critical as they need to prepare shipments on November 21 – so if you are able, please do not wait until Thanksgiving to donate.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes are available in the narthex. Filled boxes must be returned no later than Sunday, November 19!

We will be decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season following the worship service on Sunday, November 26.

Poinsettias for Christmas may be ordered again this year. The sign-up book is in the narthex and the cost is \$10 again this year. The deadline to sign up for the flowers is Sunday, December 3!

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for the persecuted church around the world. Pray that the Lord would show forth his glory through the faithfulness of his people as they preach the Gospel in difficult places.
2. Please be in prayer for Sylvia Barfield as she has surgery this week to remove a cancerous tumor attached to her lung.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Tom Kilker as he continues to rehabilitate from a recent fall.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Marlies Beerli and her three children. We praise the Lord that she has received the Unemployment funds that she has due.
5. Please continue to be in prayer for the three of the children of the Johnson's cousins as the family currently lives in Israel and these three children are serving in the Israeli Defense Force.
6. Please continue to be in prayer for Libby Soule as she has been struggling with many of the difficulties brought on by her FND.
7. Please be in prayer for Aisquith members, family members and friends of the Aisquith Community who are currently struggling with various illnesses and other physical and emotional issues.

Weekly Calendar

TODAY:	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages Adults – Room 11 Young children – Room 17
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with The Lord's Supper (Nursery available in Room 25)
Monday	6:15 PM	Handbell Choir Practice – Room 28
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Joint Board Meeting (Session & Deacons) – Room 38
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Room 15
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Room 15
		For the Bible Study Review the questions and notes on pgs. 42-48
Saturday	10:00 AM	Choir Practice – Room 27
NEXT Sunday		NO Sunday School today
	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service

Coming Soon

Wednesday, November 22 – 7 PM – Thanksgiving Eve Service
Sunday, November 26 – 12 PM – Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas

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: November 5, 2023

Text: 1 Corinthians 9:3-14

Sermon Title: “Rights and Responsibilities”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The church has the responsibility to provide for its minister.

Main Point 1: The minister’s responsibility.

1. Proclaim
2. The Gospel
3. Sow Seed
4. Spiritual Labor

Main Point 2: The minister’s rights.

Point 1: The right to financial support.

1. Social Practice
2. Religious Practice
3. Biblical Practice

Point 2: The right to a supported wife.

Point 3: The right to forsake his rights.

Main Point 3: The congregation’s responsibility.

Point 1: Spiritual Obedience.

Point 2: Financial Obedience.