

The Lord's Day

January 21, 2024 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...

Idolatry is the most heinous affront to the true God.

Matthew Henry

Prelude

Chorale- Jesu, Meine Freude

J.S. Bach

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 (Responsive)

Psalm 96

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

² **Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

⁴ **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**

⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

⁶ **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

¹⁰ **Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"**

Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

¹¹ **Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;**

¹² Let the field exult, and everything in it!

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy ¹³ before the Lord,

For he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Invocation

Hymn No. 4

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills,
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God with me.
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not his flock, his chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand he leads his own, his chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness;
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory!

We embrace Christ's Word

The Law of God

Exodus 20:4-6

⁴ You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 109

What are the sins forbidden in the second commandment?

The sins forbidden in the second commandment are, all devising, counselling, commanding, using, and anywise approving, any religious worship not instituted by God himself; tolerating a false religion; the making any representation of God, of all or of any of the three persons, either inwardly in our mind, or outwardly in any kind of image or likeness of any creature whatsoever; all worshipping of it, or God in it or by it; the making of any representation of feigned deities, and all worship of them, or service belonging to them, all superstitious devices, corrupting the worship of God, adding to it, or taking from it, whether invented and taken up of ourselves, or received by tradition from others, though under the title of antiquity, custom, devotion, good intent, or any other pretense whatsoever; simony; sacrilege; all neglect, contempt, hindering, and opposing the worship and ordinances which God hath appointed.

Confession of Sin

based on Romans 1:18-25

Righteous Father, we acknowledge that the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about you is plain to all, because you have shown it to everyone. For your invisible attributes, especially, your eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in all of the things that you have made. So, we are all without excuse. For although everyone knows you to be God, we naturally do not honor you as God or give thanks to you. In our nature, we have all become futile in our thinking, and our foolish hearts are darkened. Claiming to be wise, we become fools, and we exchange the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Because of this, you give sinful man up to the lusts of our hearts, to impurity, to the dishonoring of our bodies. All because we exchange the truth about you for a lie, and worship and serve your creation rather than you, the Creator, who is to be blessed forever! Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession

Assurance of God's Grace (Responsive)

Colossians 1:12-20

¹² [Give] thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

¹³ **He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,**

¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ **He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.**

¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities

All things were created through him and for him.

¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸ **And he is the head of the body, the church.**

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

¹⁹ **For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,**

²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven,

Making peace by the blood of his cross.

Hymn No. 534

O for a Closer Walk with God

Beatitudio

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav'nly frame,
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

(Where is the blessedness I knew when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view of Jesus and His Word?)

(What peaceful hours I once enjoyed! How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void the world can never fill.)

Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

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 *Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me* Jonny Robinson, Rich Thomson, and Michael Farren
The Aisquith Choir

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus for my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken; for by my side, the Savior will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing for in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven. The future sure, the price it has been paid;
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home;
And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me! Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 10:14

Pew Bible pg. 957

Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

Sermon

"Flee from Idolatry"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 524

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Darwall

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart.

To whom, save thee, who canst alone for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, upon the shameful tree,
Have paid the law's full price and purchased peace for me.

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load
Of sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God.

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:
No righteousness avails save that which is of thee.

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

Danish

Postlude

Meditation on- In The Garden

arr. C. Austin Miles

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

Announcements

Annual Reports are due to Pastor Ceselsky TODAY!

2023 Giving Receipts are available in the narthex.

A Congregational Meeting is hereby called for Sunday, February 4, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the annual reports, and vote on a Session recommended change in the terms of call for Pastor Ceselsky.

Winter Weather Plans. As we enter now into Winter, here's how we will inform you of any changes to our Lord's Day schedule (or Bible Studies) if there is inclement weather. A statement will be posted on the front page of our website, we will send out a blast email (you can sign up for our emails on the front page of the website), and we will send out a text alert (if you want to sign up for text alerts please let Pastor Ceselsky know). This will all be done prior to 8 AM.

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for Staf Greenwell as he has been hospitalized with a worsening of his Alzheimer's and dementia symptoms. Please pray that the medical professionals will be able to treat his worsening condition and that the family will have wisdom as they consider how best to care for him in the future.

2. Please continue to be in prayer for Sylvia Barfield as she has several different health issues at the moment.
3. Please continue in prayer for Anna Graham as she is still recovering from her outpatient surgery. Pray as well as she will have a number of follow-up procedures to deal with other aspects of the issue she is dealing with.
4. 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 Adults – Room 11 Children – Room 17
	10:30 AM	Worship Service (Nursery available in Room 25)
Monday	6:15 PM	Handbell Choir Practice – Room 28
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. 78-84		
Saturday	10:00 AM	Choir Practice – Room 27
NEXT Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday School Adults – Room 11 Children – Room 17
	10:30 AM	Lord’s Day Worship Service

Coming Soon

Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, February 4 – 12:00 PM

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: January 21, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:14

Sermon Title: “Flee from Idolatry”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The Christian must never be associated with idolatry.

Main Point 1: Who must not be an idolater? (v. 14a)

Main Point 2: What constitutes an idol? (Exodus 20:4-6; Acts 17:29; Romans 1:21-25)

Point 1: Man-made representation for God.

Point 2: Relationship to our worship.

Main Point 3: How is the Christian to respond to idols? (v. 14b)

Point 1: Repent.

Point 2: Flee.