

The Lord's Day

January 28, 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...

He who with faith partakes of the cup and the bread, partakes really but spiritually of the blood and body of Christ, and of the benefits of His sacrifice on the cross. Jamieson, Fausset, Brown

Prelude

Ode To Joy

Ludwig Van Beethoven
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

Ephesians 4:1-6

¹ Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Invocation

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.

We embrace Christ's Word

Confession of Faith

1 John 1:1-3

**¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—
² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—
³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.**

Confession of Sin (Responsive)

1 John 1:5-8;10

**⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you,
That God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**

**⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness,
We lie and do not practice the truth.**

**⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
We have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**

**⁸ If we say we have no sin,
We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

**¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned,
We make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**

Individual Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

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.

Hymn *Yet Not I, but Through Christ In Me* Jonny Robinson, Rich Thomson, and Michael Farren

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 he 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!

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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

Beautiful Savior

Dan R. Edwards
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 are nourished by God's Word

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 10:15-17

Pew Bible pg. 957

¹⁵ I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Sermon

"Participation Required"

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

Meditation - Fr Chopin, Op 28, No 4

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

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

Announcements

An updated photo-directory is coming. If you need information added, updated, or would like to change your picture in the directory, please speak to Pastor Ceselsky today.

Annual Reports are available in the narthex.

2023 Giving Receipts are available in the narthex.

A Congregational Meeting is hereby called for NEXT 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 Karen Wallace as she will be having outpatient surgery in February. Pray as well for Karen's mother, Shirley Dissinger, who is being moved from the Assisted Living facility at Oakcrest to their skilled nursing facility. Please pray that this transition goes smoothly.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Tom Kilker as his metastasized cancer continues to take a toll on his body.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Libby Soule as she struggles with the limitations and difficulties related to her FND.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Sylvia Barfield as she recovers from various health issues.
5. Please continue in prayer for Anna Graham as she will have a number of follow-up procedures to deal with various aspects of her back issues.
6. 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. 7-17
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 with The Lord's Supper
	12:00 PM	Annual Congregational Meeting

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 28, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:15-17

Sermon Title: "Participation Required"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Participation in the Lord's Supper requires a true faith in Christ.

Main Point 1: The Lord's Supper is a sensible sign.

Point 1: Involves the Senses.

Point 2: Requires discernment (v. 15)

Main Point The Lord's Supper is a participation in Christ's sacrifice. (v. 16)

Point 1: Participation in Christ's blood.

Point 2: Participation in Christ's body.

Main Point 3: The Lord's Supper displays the unity of the body. (v. 17)

Point 1: Partake of one bread.

Point 2: United as one body.