

The Lord's Day

February 4, 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...

Anyone who drinks the cup of demons insults the cup of Christ, and anyone who eats at the table of demons revolts against the table of Christ.

Ambrosiaster (4th c.)

Prelude

Near The Cross

William H. Doane

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 86:8-11

⁸ There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

⁹ All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord,
that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.

Invocation

Hymn No. 168

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
Reigning omnipotent in every place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;
Shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,
strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.

Thou has the true and perfect gentleness,
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee
and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;
Our faith is built upon thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure
That we can boldly conquer and endure.

We embrace Christ's Word

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith XXV.5

The purest churches under heaven are subject both to mixture and error; and some have so degenerated, as to become no churches of Christ, but synagogues of Satan. Nevertheless, there shall be always a church on earth, to worship God according to His will.

Confession of Sin in the Church (Unison)

1 Timothy 4:1-2

¹ Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, ² through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared.

Confession of Sin & Grace (Responsive)

James 3:13-18

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you?

By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts,

Do not boast and be false to the truth.

¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above,

But is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist,

There will be disorder and every vile practice.

¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure,

Then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Hymn No. 5 (HMR)

Hallelujah!

Perseverance

What can separate my soul from the God who made me whole,
Wrote my name in heaven's scroll? Nothing. Hallelujah!

Trouble, hardship, danger, sword brought by those who hate my Lord?
Slander here? Or no reward? Nothing. Hallelujah!

Angels, demons, now or then? Wickedness dreamed up by men?
Persecutions come again? Nothing. Hallelujah!

Victors we're ordained to be by the God who set us free;
What can therefore conquer me? Nothing. Hallelujah!

We face death for God each day; what can pluck us from his way?
Let God's people ever say, "Nothing." Hallelujah!

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

The Lord's Prayer

B. Cecil Gates
The Aisquith Choir

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallow'd be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, for Thine is the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory, for Thine is the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory, forever, the glory evermore. The power and the glory, forever. Our Father which art in heaven, Hallow'd be Thy name. 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 in Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 10:18-22

Pew Bible pg. 958

¹⁸ Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? ¹⁹ What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰ No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. ²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. ²² Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

Sermon

"What's the Harm?"

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

Behold The Lamb

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross

**So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King**

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you
Eat and remember
The wounds that healed the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one

So we share...

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you
Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God

So we share ...

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body He loves us

**As we share in his suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And with joy in the feast of Heaven
Around the table of the King
Around the table of the King**

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

Danish

Postlude

Let The Lower Lights Be Burning

(Tune: Lower Lights) Philip P. Bliss

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

Announcements

Tulips for Easter. If you would like to order tulips for Easter, the book is in the back where you can sign up. (You can also email Pastor Ceselsky.) The cost is \$10 per plant (please use a pink envelope and label the envelope for "Flowers.") The deadline to order tulips is March 10.

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 this morning, 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 continue to be in prayer for Ralph Clark as he recovers from surgery on his hip.
2. Please be in prayer for Karen Wallace as she will be having outpatient surgery this week. 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.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Tom Kilker as his metastasized cancer continues to take a toll on his body.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Libby Soule as she struggles with the limitations and difficulties related to her FND.
5. Please continue to be in prayer for Sylvia Barfield as she recovers from various health issues.
6. Please continue in prayer for Anna Graham as she recovers from a procedure on Friday to deal with a pinched nerve affecting her leg. Pray that this brings relief and that she will be able to another procedure later this month to deal with another of her back issues.
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 Adults – Room 11 Children – Room 17
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with The Lord's Supper (Nursery available in Room 25)
	12:00 PM	Annual Congregational Meeting
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. 18-32		
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

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: February 4, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:18-22

Sermon Title: "What's the Harm?"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The Christian must not participate in the false worship of false religions.

Main Point 1: Worship participation unites the worshipper to the "god" worshipped.

Point 1: Christianity. (vv. 16-17)

Point 2: Judaism. (v. 18)

Point 3: Every other religion. (v. 19)

Main Point: Worship participation outside of biblical Christianity unites the worshipper to Satan.

Point 1: Participation with demons. (v. 20)

Point 2: Cannot serve two masters. (v. 21)

Main Point 3: Worship participation outside of biblical Christianity provokes God's righteous wrath upon the worshipper.

Point 1: For I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God. (v. 22a)

Point 2: Who can stand? (v. 22b)