

The Lord's Day

March 17, 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...

When Christians display this creational order in worship (and in marriage), God is pleased. Gender distinctions are not a curse to be covered, but a blessing to be celebrated.

Dr. Stephen Um

Prelude

Trust and Obey

Daniel B. Towner

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

Deuteronomy 31:12-13

¹² Assemble the people, men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns, that they may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God, and be careful to do all the words of this law,
¹³ and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God, as long as you live in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess.

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 Word

God's Special Creation of Man

Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith XXIV.2

Marriage was ordained for the mutual help of husband and wife; for the increase of mankind with a legitimate issue, and of the church with an holy seed; and for preventing of uncleanness.

Our Sin against God & His Salvation (Unison)

1 Corinthians 6:9-11(adapted)

⁹ [We] know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God. [We must] not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of [us]. But [we] were washed, [we] were sanctified, [we] were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Our New Life in Christ (Responsive)

Galatians 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.

²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.

²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian,

²⁶ for in Christ Jesus [we] are all sons of God, through faith.

²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female,

for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

²⁹ And if [we] are Christ's, then [we] are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

O give us homes built firm upon the Savior, where Christ is Head and Counselor and guide;
Where every child is taught his love and favor and gives his heart to Christ, the crucified:
How sweet to know that though his footsteps waver, his faithful Lord is walking by his side!

O give us homes with godly fathers, mothers, who always place their hope and trust in him;
Whose tender patience turmoil never bothers, whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim:
A home where each finds joy in serving others, and love still shines, though days be dark and grim.

O Lord, our God, our homes are thine forever! We trust to thee their problems, toil and care;
Their bonds of love no enemy can sever, if thou art always Lord and Master there:
Be thou the center of our least endeavor—be thou our guest, our hearts and homes to share.

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

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

(Hamburg) - Arr. James Green

The Aisquith Choir

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.

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 11:8-16

Pew Bible pg. 958

⁸ For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. ⁹ Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. ¹⁰ That is why a wife ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. ¹¹ Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman; ¹² for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God. ¹³ Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a wife to pray to God with her head uncovered? ¹⁴ Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for

him, ¹⁵ but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering. ¹⁶
If anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor do the churches of God.

Sermon

“The Glory of Gender”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God’s grace

Hymn No. 122

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

Ode to Joy

God, all nature sings thy glory, and thy works proclaim thy might;
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;
Ruler of creation’s glory, image of thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled thine image; nature, conscience only serve
As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet thy grace and saving mercy in thy Word of truth revealed
Claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

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

Volunteers are needed to help with the sound and video recording of our worship services. If you are able to help, please speak to either Pastor Ceselsky, Andrew Bell or Ken Schumann.

This year’s Easter Offering will go to Mission to the World’s Compassion Fund. This fund serves to assist those recovering from natural disasters around the world. You can use your Easter envelope or use a pink envelope, found in the pew racks, and label it as “Easter Offering.”

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue in prayer for Maria Harris, Eileen Ley's daughter, as she is currently receiving (and will for several more weeks) inpatient-treatments in the hospital. Pray as well for her husband, Christian, and their two beautiful daughters, Corinne and Nina.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Chuy Acosta as he recovers from back surgery in Guadalajara.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Ralph Clark as he continues his rehabilitation from surgery on his hip. Please continue to pray as well for John Clark's mother as she deals with a number of health issues and for the family as they care for her.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Karen Wallace as she recovers from surgery.
5. Please continue to be in prayer for Libby Soule as she struggles with the limitations and difficulties related to her FND.
6. Please continue in prayer for Anna Graham as she continues to deal with all of her back issues. Pray especially for Anna's next surgical procedure – currently scheduled for this Friday, March 22.
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 (Nursery available in Room 25)
Tuesday	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. 62-73
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
	12:00 PM	Called Joint Board Meeting – Room 18

Coming Soon

Thursday, March 28 – Maundy Thursday Service at Loch Raven Presbyterian Church – 7 PM
 Friday, March 29 – Good Friday Service at Aisquith – 7 PM
 Sunday, April 7 – Mission Report and Lunch with John & Gwen Cicone

Church Officers

Ruling Elders: Jeff Soule & Mark Werner (Clerk)

Deacons: Andrew Bell, Gus DeFord, Ken Schumann (President), and Rick Willis

Deaconesses: Christine Clark, Debbie DeFord, Fran Oswinkle, & Jeanne Williams (Moderator)

Sermon Notes

Date: March 17, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 11:8-16

Sermon Title: “The Glory of Gender”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The Lord created gender.

Main Point 1: Creational realities regarding Gender.

Point 1: Creational Order. (V. 8)

Point 2: Creational Purpose. (Vs. 9)

Main Point 2: Post-Creation realities regarding Gender.

Point 1: Mutual dependence on each other. (Vss. 11-12b)

Point 2: Mutual dependence on the Lord. (V. 12c)

Main Point 3: Cultural need for Biblical Gender Understanding. (Vss. 13-15)

Point 1: The glory of the Lord’s desire in masculinity.

Point 2: The glory in the Lord’s design in femininity.