

Easter Sunday

March 31, 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...

By vindicating Christ in His resurrection, the Father declared His acceptance of Jesus' work on our behalf. Our justification in this theological sense rests on the imputed righteousness of Christ, so the reality of that transaction is linked to Christ's resurrection. Had Christ not been raised, we would have a mediator whose redeeming work in our behalf was not acceptable to God.

R.C. Sproul

Prelude

Improvisation on: Thine Be the Glory (Tune: Judas Maccabeus) – G.F. Handel
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)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

I am He that lives, and was dead, says the Lord; and behold, I am alive forevermore.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Invocation

Hymn No. 277

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

“Christ the Lords is ris’n today,” Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has lead, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

We embrace Christ's Call

Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 72

What is justifying faith?

Justifying faith is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby he, being convinced of his sin and misery, and of the disability in himself and all other creatures to recover him out of his lost condition, not only assents to the truth of the promise of the gospel, but receives and rests upon Christ and his righteousness, therein held forth, for pardon of sin, and for the accepting and accounting of his person righteous in the sight of God for salvation.

Our Expression of Faith

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
By whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation
Came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
And was made man;
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
Who spoke by the prophets;
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,

And the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Account of the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

The Application of the Resurrection (Responsive)

1 Corinthians 15:13-26

¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.
¹⁴ **And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and [our] faith is in vain.**
¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.
¹⁶ **For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.**
¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.
¹⁸ **Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.**
¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.
²⁰ **But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**
²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
²² **For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**
²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.
²⁴ **Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.**
²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
²⁶ **The last enemy to be destroyed is death.**

Hymn No. 274

Thine Be the Glory

Maccabaeus

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes, where thy body lay.

***Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.***

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, tho' thy deathless love;
Bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.

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	<i>Unshakable Kingdom</i>	William & Gloria Gaither, Michael W. Smith The Aisquith Choir, Brass Ensemble and Organ
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They came to follow Him, drawn by what He promised them; If they would sell all that they had. He said that God would send a Kingdom that would never end, where all the poor would be so rich; And in their discontent, they heard what they thought He meant. They heard the weak would be strong, brought would be multiplied, and hunger satisfied; And every servant a King. The Kingdom of God, a Kingdom that would never end; The Living unshakable Kingdom of God. But He went His quiet way, giving Himself away; building what eyes could never see. While men looked for crowns and thrones, He walked with crowds alone planting a seed in you and me; Crying for those who cried, dying with those who died, bursting forth glorified alive! Still some of us look for Him, sad that it had to end; Do we dare to look within and see. The Kingdom of God, a Kingdom that would never end; The Living, unshakable Kingdom of God!

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 heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading	Hebrews 11:17-19	Pew Bible pg. 1008
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¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Sermon	"The Resurrection of Sons"	Pastor Ceselsky
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Sermon Outline can be found on the back page of the bulletin.

We respond to God's grace

Hymn	<i>Come, People of the Risen King</i>	Getty
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Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!**

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through ev'ry age: "Our God is all in all."

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

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Postlude

Hallelujah! (from The Messiah)

G.F. Handel

The Aisquith Choir, Congregation, Brass Ensemble and Organ

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, for ever and ever. Hallelujah! and Lord of Lords, for ever and ever. Hallelujah! King of Kings, for ever and ever. Hallelujah! and Lord of Lords, for ever and ever. Hallelujah! King of Kings, for ever and ever. Hallelujah! and Lord of Lords, for ever and ever. Hallelujah! King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and He shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings for ever and ever. Hallelujah! And He shall reign for ever and ever, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and He shall reign for ever and ever, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

Announcements

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."

A Call to Prayer: As many members of Aisquith have been undergoing a great deal of personal trials, and facing challenges with loved ones, we are calling on the congregation gather at 9 AM NEXT Sunday, April 7 in the church sanctuary to hold a service of prayer where congregation members will lead in prayer – more details will be provided via email later this week.

Missions Report and Lunch: Next Sunday, John & Gwen Cicone will be giving a report during our worship service on their work with the Rafiki Foundation in Tanzania. After the service, we will have a fellowship luncheon where they will be able to provide a fuller report and answer questions. Please plan to join us!

A very special thanks to those who contributed to the service this morning:

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

Musicians: James Green – Music Arranger and Conductor
Bryan Flippin – French Horn

Richard Milburn – Trombone
Marcus Neal – Trombone
Kennis Rolle – Trumpet
Ronald Rolling – Trumpet
David Russell – Trumpet

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for JonCarlos Ley as he is treating a bacterial infection in his eye.
2. Please continue in prayer for Maria Harris, Eileen Ley's daughter, as she is currently receiving inpatient-treatments in the hospital for leukemia. Pray as well for her husband, Christian, and their two beautiful daughters, Corinne and Nina.
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 in prayer for Anna Graham as she recovers from her latest back procedure.
5. 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:	10:30 AM	Resurrection Day 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. 74-86
Saturday	10:00 AM	Choir Practice – Room 27
NEXT Sunday	9:00 AM	Prayer Service
	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
	12:00 PM	Fellowship Lunch and Mission Report from 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)

Tulips for Easter 2024

From

*Angela & Noe Andrade
Angela & Noe Andrade
Sylvia Barfield
George & Ruth Ellen Beerli*

Memorial

*In memory of Giovanni Andrade
In memory of Adrian Andrade
In memory of Husband Darl
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gronenthal*

The Beerli & Barfield Families
Hew Byrd
Hew Byrd
Hew Byrd
Debbie & Gus DeFord
Debbie & Gus DeFord
Anna Graham
MaryAnn Kauffman
Bryan & Lorna Lee
Bryan & Lorna Lee
Alice Orie
Alice Orie
Alice Orie
John Schaller
The Wickham Family
The Wickham Family

In memory of Rosa & Gebhard Beerli
Giving thanks for Sylvia Barfield
Giving thanks for Ruth Ellen Beerli
Giving thanks for Judi Mason
In memory of Gus' parents and siblings
In memory of Debbie's parents & Brother, Butch
In memory of Pastor Tom Graham
In memory of her parents
In honor of Leslie & Rosalyn Lee
In honor of Andrew & Elizabeth Serrao
In memory of her brother, Nwanne Okpe
In memory of her sister, Adanne Lucy
In memory of her sister, Adanna Ugoeze
In loving memory of Sandy
In memory of Joseph
In memory of Joseph

Sermon Notes

Date: March 31, 2024

Text: Hebrews 11:17-19

Sermon Title: "The Resurrection of Sons"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Faith in Jesus Christ, crucified **and** resurrected, is the only means of our salvation.

Main Point 1: Isaac's figurative resurrection.

Main Point 2: Jesus' factual resurrection.

Point 1: A True Body

Point 2: A Witnessed Body

Point 3: The Certification of the Atonement

Main Point 3: Our future resurrection.

Point 1: Firstfruits

Point 2: Glorified Body