

The Lord's Day

April 7, 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...

It was no more possible for the Lord's Supper to be eaten in an atmosphere of social discrimination that it was for the same people to 'partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons'. The Eucharist could be profaned by faction as certainly as by idolatry.

F.F. Bruce

Prelude

Living for Jesus

Marjoleiv van Hoef

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

Psalms 133

Trinity Psalter, page 114

Tune: Azmon ("O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing")

¹ Behold how good a thing it is,
And how becoming well,
When those that brethren
Are delight
In unity to dwell.

² For it is like the precious oil
Poured out on Aaron's head,
That, going down upon his beard,
Upon his garments spread.

³ Like Hermon's dew upon the hills
Of Zion that descends,
The LORD commands His
Blessing there,
Ev'n life that never ends.

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

God's Command

Titus 3:1-2

¹ Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

Our Corporate Confession of Sin

Titus 3:3

We ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

Individual Confession of Sin

God's Grace to His People

Titus 3:4-7

⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Apostolic Directive (Responsive)

Titus 3:8-11

⁸ The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things,
So that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works.
These things are excellent and profitable for people.

⁹ But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.

¹⁰ As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him,

¹¹ knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

Hymn No. 2 (HMR)

How Marvelous, How Wise, How Great

Spruce Street

How marvelous, how wise, how great,
how infinite to contemplate: Jehovah's saving plan.
He saw me in my lost estate yet purposed to regenerate
this faithless, fallen man.

Foreknown before the world began,
according to his gracious plan, God destined I must be
conformed to Jesus Christ, the man, who lived and loved as no man can;
a glorious decree.

He bore my sin on Calvary's tree
and righteousness bestowed on me that I might see his face.
God justified me, set me free, and glorified I soon will be:
how marvelous this grace.

What have I now but to embrace
the God who saved me from disgrace and love him evermore;
and with contentment run my race my eyes fixed ever on his face
to praise him and adore.

We acknowledge God's blessings

Missions Report

John & Gwen Cicone

Gloria Patri

Greatorex (Hymn No. 735)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

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

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(Lauda Amina) Mark Andrews
The Aisquith Choir

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven, Evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King. Fatherlike He
tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame he knows; In his hands He gently bears us, Rescues us
from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows. Angels in the height adore him!

Ye behold Him face to face; Saints triumphant bow before Him! Gathered in from ev'ry race.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace, praise with us the God of grace. Amen,
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's Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 11:17-22

Pew Bible pg. 958

¹⁷ But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, ¹⁹ for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. ²⁰ When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. ²¹ For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. ²² What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

Sermon

"Help or 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 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.

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

Danish

Postlude

Because He Lives, I Can Face Tomorrow

William Gaither

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

Announcements

Missions Report and Lunch: After worship, John & Gwen Cicone will be giving a full report on their work with the Rafiki Foundation in Tanzania. Please join us downstairs to learn more about their work, and enjoy a wonderful fellowship lunch together.

Loch Raven Presbyterian Church is hosting a missions conference next weekend. There is a two-sided brochure on the tables in the narthex.

Prayer Requests

1. Please pray for Sylvia Barfield as she recovers from a fall and partial hip replacement surgery. Pray for her as she goes through the rehab process that she will have a full recovery and be able to return home soon.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Richard Mason as he is in the ICU with a high fever, atrial fibrillation and double pneumonia. Pray for healing and that he would seek restoration with the church.
3. Please continue in prayer for Maria Harris, Eileen Ley's daughter, giving thanks as she is now receiving her leukemia treatments at home. Pray that the Lord would bring healing. Pray as well for her husband, Christian, and their two beautiful daughters, Corinne and Nina.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Libby Soule as she is currently in the hospital struggling with the limitations and difficulties related to her FND.
5. Please continue in prayer for Anna Graham as she recovers from her latest back procedure.
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	Prayer Service
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with the Lord's Supper (Nursery available in Room 25)
	12:00 PM	Congregational Lunch and Mission Report – Room 11.
Tuesday	6:15 PM	Handbell Choir Practice – Room 28
	7:00 PM	Joint Board Meeting – Room 18
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. 87-101
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, Gus DeFord, Ken Schumann (President), and Rick Willis

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

Sermon Notes

Date: April 7, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 11:17-22

Sermon Title: "Help or Harm?"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Gathering for worship improperly does the worshipper more harm than good.

Main Point 1: The Reality of Corinthian factions.

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Point 2: Heresies and Schisms.

Point 3: Providential Purposes.

Main Point 2: The Realities of Corinthian worship gatherings.

Point 1: The Corinthian's worldly practice.

Point 2: Historical practice of The Lord's Supper.

Main Point 3: One-Body reality reflected in true worship gatherings.