

The Lord's Day

May 12, 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 the gifts of God, natural or supernatural, are perverted as a means of self-exaltation, or aggrandizement, it is a sin against the giver, as well as against those for whose benefit they were intended. Charles Hodge

Prelude

Jesus is All The World To Me

Will L. Thompson

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

James 1:17-18

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Invocation

Hymn No 98

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven—
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

We embrace Christ's Word

All saints that are united to Jesus Christ their head, by His Spirit and by faith, have fellowship with Him in His graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as to conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

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.

⁷ The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

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 acknowledge God's blessings

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther – arr. Carl F. Mueller
The Aisquith Choir

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing; Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal. Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing; Were not the right man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing. Dost ask Who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He; Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle. A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing is our 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 heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

We are nourished by God's Word

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Pew Bible pg. 959

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;
⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God
 who empowers them all
 in everyone.
⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit
 for the common good.

Sermon

“Purposeful Gift Giving”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's grace

Hymn

O Church Arise

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O church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is “Love!”
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;

And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

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

Danish

Postlude

The Church's One Foundation

Samuel Wesley arr. Don Hustad

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

Announcements

The Aisquith Choir and Bell Choir will be holding a concert on Sunday, June 9 at 4 PM. They will be joined by bagpiper Duncan Moore for this performance. There will also be a reception to follow in room 11. Donations are needed for this performance. If you would like to make a donation, please give any funds (checks made out to Aisquith) **DIRECTLY** to Jeanne Williams or Pastor Ceselsky.

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for Ralph Clark (Christine's father) as he is in the hospital with heart issues. Please pray as well for his wife, Carolyn, as well as Christine, her sister, Susan, and their families in this time.
2. Please be in prayer for John and Gwen Cicone as they traveled back to Tanzania this past week to begin a second two-year term. Pray for them as they both take on expanded roles and more work. Pray as well that more will be called to serve as missionaries with Rafiki to help make up for labor shortages at many of their campuses.

3. 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: Happy Mother's Day!
10:30 AM Worship Service
(Nursery available in Room 25)

Tuesday 7:00 PM Joint Board Meeting – Room 18

Wednesday 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study Luncheon – The Bowman Restaurant
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study Cookout

Saturday 10:00 AM Choir Practice – Room 27
12:00 PM Handbell Choir Practice – Room 28

NEXT Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday School
Adults – Room 11
Children – Room 17
10:30 AM Lord's Day Worship Service

Upcoming Events

Choir & Handbell Choir Concert – Sunday, June 9 at 4 PM.

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: May 12, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Sermon Title: "Purposeful Gift Giving"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: We must use God's gifts to accomplish God's purposes.

Main Point 1: The Corinthians' view of spiritual gifts.

Main Point 2: The Trinitarian nature of spiritual gifts.

Point 1: Spirit distributed. (vss. 4,7,11)

Point 2: Son servicing. (v. 5)

Point 3: Father empowered. (v. 6a-b)

Main Point 3: The variety of spiritual gifts. (vss. 4-6a)

Main Point 4: The recipient of spiritual gifts. (vss. 6c-7a)

Main Point 5: The purpose of spiritual gifts. (v. 7b)