

The Lord's Day

June 30, 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...

As love is the only rule for our actions, and the only means of regulating the right use of the gifts of God, nothing, in the absence of it, is approved of by God, however magnificent it may be in the estimation of men. For where it is wanting, the beauty of all virtues is mere tinsel – is empty sound – is not worth a straw – nay more, is offensive and disgusting.

John Calvin

Prelude

Consecrated, Lord To Thee (tune- Hendon) - Douglas E. Wagner
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)

Psalm 136:1-3,26

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

² Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

²⁶ Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Invocation

Hymn No. 6

O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

Tidings

O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Maker,
And all within me bless his holy name;
Bless thou the Lord, forget not all his mercies,
His pard'ning grace and saving love proclaim.

***Bless him forever, wondrous in might,
Bless him, his servants that in his will delight.***

Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion,
Most slow to anger, plenteous in love;

Rich is his grace to all that humbly seek him,
Boundless and endless as the heav'ns above.

His love is like a father's to his children,
Tender and kind to all who fear his name;
For well he knows our weakness and our frailty,
He knows that we are dust, he knows our frame.

We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beauty,
like tender grass that soon will disappear;
but evermore the love of God is changeless,
still shown to those who look to him in fear.

High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed forever,
His kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole;
Bless ye the Lord through all his wide dominion,
Bless his most holy name, O thou my soul.

We embrace Christ's Word

God's Judgment Concerning Our Fallenness

John 3:19

And this is the judgment:
the light has come into the world,
and people loved the darkness rather than the light
because their works were evil.

Individual Confession of Our Fallenness

Our Confession of God's Love for the Fallen (Unison)

John 3:16

**For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him
should not perish but have eternal life.**

Our Confession of God's Love for Us (Unison)

Romans 5:8

**God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.**

God's Calling Upon His Loved Ones (Responsive)

1 John 4:7-12

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another,

for love is from God,

and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

⁸ **Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.**

⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us,

that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God

but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another.

¹² No one has ever seen God;
if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

Hymn No. 535

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

Ebenezer

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How we watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best;
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

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

If With All Your Hearts (from: Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn

"If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me." Thus saith our god. "If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me." Thus saith our God, thus saith our God. Oh! That I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence! Oh! That I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence, come before His presence! Oh! That I knew where I might find Him! "If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me." Thus saith our God, "Ye shall ever surely find me." Thus saith 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 12:31b-13:3

Pew Bible pg. 959

^{31b} And I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Sermon

“LUV is a Verb”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's grace

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Ode to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the Joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sun-ward In the triumph song of life.

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

Danish

Postlude

Rejoice, The Lord Is King (Darwall's 148th)

John Darwall

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

Announcements

A memorial service for Vic Williams (Jeanne's husband) will be held on Friday, July 12 at 11 AM at the church. Following the service, Jeanne will be hosting a lunch at Jerry D's restaurant. For the lunch, please RSVP to Jeanne NO LATER THAN THIS FRIDAY if you plan to attend.

Those who signed up for the Getty Concert in October, please pay Pastor Ceselsky \$30 for each ticket at your earliest convenience.

You can now livestream our worship service in three places: The church's website (www.aisquith.org), Aisquith's Facebook page, and on Aisquith's YouTube channel.

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for Dina Sunderland as she has open heart surgery this Friday. Dina grew up here at Aisquith and her mother, Bonnie, is a shut-in member of Aisquith, living at Oakcrest.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Norm Norris as he continues to recover from a recent hospital stay treating a bleeding vein in his colon. Pray that he will continue to recover fully and quickly.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Buckey Pearre as he recovers from surgery on Tuesday that replaced his pacemaker.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for the Wallace, Williams and Kuegler families as they mourn the loss of Shirley Dissinger (Karen Wallace's mother), Vic Williams (Jeanne's husband), and Jayne's nephew.
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 Lord's Day Worship Service
NEXT Sunday 10:30 AM Lord's Day Worship Service with The Lord's Supper

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: June 30, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:3

Sermon Title: "LUV is a Verb"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: True Christianity must always be demonstrated in our practice of Love.

Main Point 1: The Nature of Love.

Point 1: The World's understanding of Love.

Point 2: Love is defined by the Nature of God.

A. His Person. (1 John 4:8,16)

B. His Actions. (1 John 4:9-10, Romans 5:8)

Main Point 2: The Nature of a Loveless Religion.

Point 1: Your words are noisy gongs and clanging cymbals. (v. 1)

Point 2: You are Nothing. (v. 2).

Point 3: You gain Nothing. (v. 3)

Main Point 3: Christ-Like Love breathes Life into our Religion.

Point 1: Christ-Like Love reveals (through word and deed) a heart for the lost.

Point 2: Christ-Like Love reveals (through word and deed) a heart for the Bride.

Point 3: Christ-Like Love reveals a heart for the Lord.