

July 7, 2024 at 10:30 AM

We prepare for worship

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

Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Questions 102 & 122

What is the sum of the four commandments which contain our duty to God?

The sum of the four commandments containing our duty to God is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our strength, and with all our mind.

What is the sum of the six commandments which contain our duty to man?

The sum of the six commandments which contain our duty to man, is, to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to do to others what we would have them to do to us.

Our Need for Repentance

Romans 2:4-5

⁴ Do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? ⁵ But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

The Certainty of God's Righteous Judgment (Responsive)

Romans 2:6-11

⁶ [God] will render to each one according to his works:

⁷ **to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life;**

⁸ but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

⁹ **There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek,**

¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek.

¹¹ **For God shows no partiality.**

Individual Prayer of Confession

The Covering of Our Sin

1 Peter 4:8

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly,
since love covers a multitude of sins.

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;
 Bring the presence of the Risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.
 Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
 Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do.
 Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
 Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
 Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
 Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
 Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
 That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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 Walked Today Where Jesus Walked

Geoffrey O'Hara

Soloist: Dr. Hattie Smith-Shannon, Soprano

I walked today where Jesus walked, In days of long ago; I wandered down each path he knew,
 With rev'rent step and slow. Those little lanes, they have not changed – A sweet peace fills the
 air. I walked today where Jesus walked, And felt His presence there. My pathway led through
 Bethlehem, Ah, mem'ries ever sweet; The little hills of Galilee, That knew those childish feet;
 The Mount of Olives; hallowed scenes that Jesus knew before; I saw the might Jordan roll As in
 the days of yore. I knelt today where Jesus knelt, Where all alone He prayed The Garden of
 Gethsemane – My heart felt unafraid! I picked my heavy burden up, And with Him by my side, I
 climbed the Hill of Calvary, I climbed the Hill of Calvary, I climbed the Hill of Calvary, Where
 on the Cross He died! I walked today where Jesus walked And felt Him close to me!

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 13:4-7

Pew Bible pg. 960

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not
 insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but

rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Sermon

“How’s Your Love-Life?”

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. 646

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Quebec

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;
To them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the fountain-head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where’er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away, shed o’er the world thy holy light.

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

Danish

Postlude

He’s Got The Whole World In His Hand

arr: Margaret Bonds

Soloist: Dr. Hattie Smith-Shannon

He’s got the whole world in His hand, He’s got the whole world in His hand, He’s got the whole world in His hand, He’s got the whole world in His hand. He’s got the woods and the waters in His hand, He’s got the woods and the waters in His hand. He’s got the sun and the moon right in his hand, He’s got the whole world in His hand. He’s got the birds and the bees right in His hand, He’s got the birds and the bees right in His hand, He’s got the beasts of the field right in His hand, He’s got the whole world in His hand. He’s got you and me right in His hand, He’s got you and me right in in His hand, he’s got ev’ry body in His hand, He’s got the whole world in His hand. He’s got the whole world in His hand.

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

Announcements

We welcome and thank Dr. Hattie Smith-Shannon for participating in our worship service this morning.

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 continue to be in prayer for Dina Sunderland as she recovers from open heart surgery this past Friday. Dina grew up here at Aisquith and her mother, Bonnie, is a shut-in member of Aisquith, living at Oakcrest.
2. 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 with The Lord's Supper
Friday 11:00 AM Funeral Service for Vic Williams
NEXT Sunday 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: July 7, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Sermon Title: "How's your Love-Life?"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Our love must reflect Christ's love.

Main Point 1: What Christian Love is not.

Point 1: Love does not envy. (v. 4)

Point 2: Love does not boast. (v. 4)

Point 3: Love is not arrogant. (v. 4)

Point 4: Love is not rude. (v. 5)

Point 5: Love does not insist on its own way. (v. 5)

Point 6: Love is not irritable. (v. 5)

Point 7: Love is not resentful. (v. 5)

Point 8: Love does not rejoice in evil. (v. 6)

Main Point 2: What Christian Love is.

Point 1: Love is patient. (v. 4)

Point 2: Love is kind. (v. 4)

Point 3: Love rejoices in the truth. (v. 6)

Point 4: Love bears all things. (v. 7)

Point 5: Love believes all things. (v. 7)

Point 6: Love hopes all things. (v. 7)

Point 7: Love endures all things. (v. 7)