

The Lord's Day

July 14, 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...

O glorious change! To pass from darkness to light, from clouds to the clear sunshine of our Savior's face, and in God's own light to see light! It is at best but twilight while we are in this world; there it will be perfect and eternal day.

Matthew Henry

Prelude

Morning Has Broken (Tune- Bunesan) - Gaelic Melody
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

Psalm 103:15-19

- ¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.
¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.
¹⁹ The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

Invocation

Hymn No. 703

Loved with Everlasting Love

Everlasting Love

Loved with everlasting love, drawn by grace that love to know,
Spirit sent from Christ above, thou dost witness it is so,
O this full and precious peace from his presence all divine;
In a love that cannot cease, I am his and he is mine. (2X)

Heav'n above is deeper blue, earth around is sweeter green,
That which glows in every hue Christless eyes have never seen.
Birds in song his glories show, flow'rs with richer beauties shine
Since I know, as now I know, I am his and he is mine. (2X)

Taste the goodness of the Lord: welcomed home to his embrace,
All his love as blood outpoured seals the pardon of his grace.
Can I doubt his love for me, when I trace that love's design?
By the cross of Calvary I am his and he is mine. (2X)

His forever, only his—who the Lord and me shall part?
Ah, with what a rest of bliss Christ can fill the loving heart.
Heav'n and earth may fade and flee, firstborn light in gloom decline,
But while God and I shall be, I am his and he is mine. (2X)

We embrace Christ's Word

Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 7

What is God?

God is a spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

Confession of Our Need of Christ (Responsive)

Philippians 3:7-11

⁷ Whatever gain I had,

I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish,

in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him,

not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law,

but that which comes through faith in Christ,

the righteousness from God that depends on faith

¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection,

and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

¹¹ that by any means possible

I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Our Calling in Christ (Responsive)

Philippians 3:12-16

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect,

but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own.

But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ **Let those of us who are mature think this way,**

and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.

¹⁶ **Only let us hold true to what we have attained.**

Our Future in Christ (Responsive)

1 John 3:1-2

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God;

and so we are!

The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears **we shall be like him,** because we shall see him as he is.

Hymn No. 44

How Great Thou Art

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O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow'r thro' out the universe displayed.

***Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art! (2x)***

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountains grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art.

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 *Air in G For Violoncello and Organ (from: Orchestral Suite No.3)* J.S. Bach
Kenji Fisher, Cello and K. Dean, Organ

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

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

Sermon

“Living in the In-Between”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 261

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing
on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!

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

Danish

Postlude

Fugue in C - Major

J.S. Bach

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

Announcements

We welcome and thank Kenji Fisher for playing the cello for us during the offertory this morning.

The Maryland State Boy Choir is hosting a Summer Sing on Sunday, August 11 beginning at 5 PM. Stephen Holmes and Joey Shortall will be conducting the singing of *Lux Aeterna*, by Morten Lauridsen. Music will be provided.

The Center for Pregnancy Concerns is holding their annual fundraising Gala on Thursday, September 12 at 7 PM at the Sheraton in Towson. Melissa Ohden, the founder of the Abortion Survivors Network will be the keynote speaker. If you are interested in attending, please rsvp to John or Julie Ceselsky no later than Sunday, August 18. Tickets are free, but this is a fundraiser, and a donation is greatly appreciated.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Buckey Pearre as he continues to deal with breathing problems and fluid on his lungs.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Dina Sunderland as she recovers from open heart surgery. Dina grew up here at Aisquith and her mother, Bonnie, is a shut-in member of Aisquith, living at Oakcrest.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Lori Werner's brother, Brad, as he recovers from surgery to repair an aneurysm in his brain, and from a separate surgery to treat a bowel blockage.
4. 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

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 14, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:8-12

Sermon Title: "Living in the In-Between"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: In the present, the Christian longs for the eternal.

Main Point 1: The Eternal Present of God. (v. 12e)

Main Point 2: The Church's Present Reality.

Point 1: Our spiritual gifts are passing away. (v. 8b-d)

Point 2: Our knowledge is only partial. (vss. 9-10)

Point 3: Our understanding is dim. (vss. 11a,12a)

Main Point 3: The Church's Eternal Reality.

Point 1: Christ-like love will never end. (v. 8a)

Point 2: The fullness of knowledge. (v. 12c-e)

Point 3: Our face-to-face understanding. (v. 12b)