

The Lord's Day

July 28, 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...

He who is the Author of peace, the Lover of peace, and the Maintainer of peace; He who has made peace between heaven and earth, but the mission and sacrifice of His Son, shall be ever with you while you believe and act as [the Apostle] recommended.

Adam Clarke

Prelude

Be Still My Soul

(Tune – Finlandia) - Sibelius

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

Revelation 15:3-4

³ Great and amazing are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,
O King of the nations!
⁴ Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.

Invocation

Hymn No. 111

This Is My Father's World

Terra Beata

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

We embrace Christ's Word

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith XIII.2,3

**Sanctification is throughout in the whole man, yet imperfect in this life: there abides still some remnants of corruption in every part, whence arises a continual and irreconcilable war, the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.
In which war, although the remaining corruption for a time may much prevail, yet, through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part does overcome: and so the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**

God's Calling to Faithful Living (Responsive)

Ephesians 4:25-32

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

²⁶ **Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,**

²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil.

²⁸ **Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.**

²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

³⁰ **And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.**

³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

³² **Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.**

Our Individual Confession of Our Falling Short

Our Calling to Walk in the Light

Ephesians 5:8b-14

^{8b} Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Hymn No. 672

Trust and Obey

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When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,
What a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

***Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.***

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But his smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil he doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of his love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor he shows, and the joy he bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Runyan

Soloist: David Brown, Baritone

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with thee; Thou
changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, Join
with all nature in manifold witness To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, Strength
for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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

Philippians 4:8-9

Pew Bible pg. 982

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Sermon

“Your Mind Matters”

Pastor Bell

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

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No, 644

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

St. Leonards

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

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

Danish

Postlude

Meditation on: It Is Well

Phillip Bliss

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

Announcements

We welcome and thank our Pastor Emeritus, Robert Bell, as he proclaims God's Word for us this morning.

We also thank David Brown for contributing to the service by singing during the offertory.

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 Pastor Ceselsky as he recovers from surgery this past Monday to repair a ruptured Achilles tendon in his right foot. Please pray as well for Julie as she cares for John during this time.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for the Carson family as they continue to mourn the sudden passing of their eldest son, David, Jr. (Please honor their request for privacy at this time!) Dave asked that we also “pray for David's two brothers (Steven & John Mark) and his 17-year-old daughter (Eva). Gratefully, all family members are regenerate believers.”
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: 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: July 28, 2024

Text: Philippians 4:8-9

Sermon Title: “Your Mind Matters”

Delivered By: Pastor Emeritus Robert Bell

Proposition: True peace can be ours only when our minds are properly informed and engaged.

Main Point 1: The Believer must Possess the Truth.

Main Point 2: The Believer must Prize (esteem or cherish) the Truth.

Main Point 3: The Believer must Practice the Truth.