

The Lord's Day

August 4, 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...

Every gift of God is a favor from God, but then those are to be most valued that are most useful.

Matthew Henry

Prelude

Prelude in C Major

arr. G. Benitolio
Mr. Oronde' Short

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 147:1-5

¹ Praise the Lord!
For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
² The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
³ He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
⁴ He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

Invocation

Hymn No. 354

Jesus Christ, Our Sure Foundation

Oakbrook

Jesus Christ, our sure foundation, he whose purpose stays the same,
Building for himself a nation, giving those he calls his name.
Praise we now and ever more, Jesus we adore!
God has giv'n to us salvation, Jesus Christ has borne our blame.

Shepherd, Guardian, he who teaches, on whose grace the church depends,
Tending it through hist'ry's reaches, and will keep it to the end.
Praise we now and ever more, Jesus we adore!
He who from the first did seek us, Savior, Ruler, Guide and Friend.

Jesus, come, your kingdom bringing, how we long to see its sight!
Ev'ry saint, Christ's praises singing, stands before th'eternal Light.
Praise we now and ever more, Jesus we adore!
Exaltation ever ringing, Christ, our King, return in might.

We embrace Christ's Word

Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 3

What is the Word of God?

The holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.

Old Testament Reading (Responsive)

Psalms 127

¹ Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

**Unless the Lord watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.**

² It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,

**eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.**

³ Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,
the fruit of the womb a reward.

⁴ **Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.**

⁵ Blessed is the man
who fills his quiver with them!

**He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.**

New Testament Reading (Responsive)

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it.

Let each one take care how he builds upon it.

¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

¹² **Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—**

¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it,
because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.

¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.

¹⁵ **If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.**

Hymn No. 342

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Regent Square

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;

Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving kindness hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants, what they ask of thee to gain,
What they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

We acknowledge God's blessings

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

RE Mark Werner

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

God Will Take You There

arr. M.P. Douroux

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 14:1-5

Pew Bible pg. 960

¹ Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. ² For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. ³ On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. ⁴ The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. ⁵ Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

Sermon

"The Perfect Tool"

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, 708

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

St. Margaret

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield in flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that sleekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not in vain that more shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

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

Danish

Postlude

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

arr. Oronde' K. Short

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

Announcements

We welcome and thank Oronde' Short for playing the organ this morning, leading us in the singing of God's praises.

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.

The Men's and Women's Bible Studies will begin in September (the date will be determined later) with the women meeting on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM and the men meeting at 7:00 PM. The women will be doing a study on the women of the Bible and the men will be doing a study on the Book of Deuteronomy. **Ladies**, please let John or Julie know if you plan to attend so copies of the workbook can be made – there will be no cost for a copy of the study, we just need to know how many to make. **Men**, please let John know if you plan to attend so we can order the study guides – the cost of each guide is \$14 (please give the funds directly to John).

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Nancy Pearre as she recovers from oral surgery this past week.

2. Please continue to be in prayer for Mary Lou Wickham as deals with hip and back pain, from a break in her back, while she is on Long Island working on the family farm.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Maisie Manning's daughter, Yvonne, as she recovers from surgery this past Friday.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Pastor Ceselsky as he recovers from surgery to repair a ruptured Achilles tendon in his right foot. Please pray as well for Julie as she cares for John during this time.
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 with The Lord's Supper
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: August 4, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:1-5

Sermon Title: "The Perfect Tool"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The Christian must, in all things, seek to build up the church.

Main Point 1: Pursue love to build up the church. (vs. 1a)

Main Point 2: Uninterpreted tongues only build up the individual.

Point 1: Tongues are a valuable gift from God. (vs. 5a)

Point 2: Uninterpreted tongues only encourages the speaker. (vss. 2,4)

Point 3: Uninterpreted tongues are of no value to the church.

Main Point 3: Prophecy builds up the church. (vs. 3)

Point 1: Prophecy builds upon the foundation of Christ.

Point 2: Prophecy exhorts to faithful living.

Point 3: Prophecy comforts the hurting.