

# *The Lord's Day*

August 11, 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...*

*Spiritual gifts are incompatible with spiritual selfishness.*

Orr & Walther

Prelude

*Prelude in F Major*

J.S. Bach  
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

Romans 15:5-6 (adapted)

<sup>5</sup> [O] God of endurance and encouragement grant [us] to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together [we] may with one voice glorify [you,] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Invocation

Hymn No. 97

*We Praise you, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator*

Kremser

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;  
Through life's storm and tempest our Guide you have been.  
When perils o'er take us, escape you will make us,  
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,  
To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us;  
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

## **We embrace Christ's Word**

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, I.8

**The Old Testament in Hebrew (which was the native language of the people of God of old), and the New Testament in Greek (which at the time of the writing of it was most generally known to the nations), being immediately inspired by God, and by His singular care and providence kept pure in all ages, are therefore authentic; so as in all controversies of religion the church is finally to appeal unto them. But because these original tongues are not known to all the people of God who have right unto, and interest in, the Scriptures, and are commanded, in the fear of God, to read and search them, therefore they are to be translated into the [common] language of every nation unto which they come, that the Word of God dwelling plentifully in all, they may worship Him in an acceptable manner, and, through patience and comfort of the Scriptures, may have hope.**

The Fallenness of Mankind

Genesis 11:1-9

Read by: Kenji Fisher

<sup>1</sup> Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup> And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup> So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

God's Redemption

Zephaniah 3:8-9 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> "Therefore wait for Me," says the Lord,  
"Until the day I rise up for plunder;  
My determination is to gather the nations  
To My assembly of kingdoms,  
To pour on them My indignation,  
All My fierce anger;  
All the earth shall be devoured  
With the fire of My jealousy.

<sup>9</sup> "For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language,  
That they all may call on the name of the Lord,  
To serve Him with one accord."

Hymn No. 302

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Madrid

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
Praise is his gracious choice, Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;  
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

### **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 *Only What You Do For Christ Will Last*

*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 14:6-12

Pew Bible pg. 960

<sup>6</sup> Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? <sup>7</sup> If even lifeless instruments, such as the flute or the harp, do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is played? <sup>8</sup> And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? <sup>9</sup> So with yourselves, if with your tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air. <sup>10</sup> There are doubtless many different languages in the world, and none is without meaning, <sup>11</sup> but if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. <sup>12</sup> So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

Sermon

"Choose Your Words Carefully"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

### **We respond to God's grace**

Hymn No. 561

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

Canonbury

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone;  
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things you do impart;  
And wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'er flow  
In kindling thought and glowing word your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will and when and where;  
Until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

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

Danish

Postlude

*Fugue in F Major*

J.S. Bach

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

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### **Announcements**

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

**We are in need of funds** for both the Bereavement Fund and the Help Fund. The Bereavement Fund is used to provide meals for families after funeral services and/or between viewings – this has long been a wonderful caring ministry of the church. Likewise, the Help Fund exists to provide financial support to church members when they are facing some economic hardship. Any gifts would be greatly appreciated! Please use the pink envelopes in the pew racks for donations to either fund.

**The Maryland State Boy Choir** is hosting a Summer Sing on TODAY 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 NEXT 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). Please let John and/or Julie know that you will be attending by the end of this month.

### **Prayer Requests**

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Mary Lou Wickham as deals with hip and back pain, from a break in her back, pray that the treatment given will resolve the issue.

2. Please continue to be in prayer for Maisie Manning's daughter, Yvonne, as she recovers and does rehab in relation to surgery.
3. Please be in prayer for Debbie DeFord as she sees her doctor this week to determine how best to proceed with the repair of her torn rotator cuff.
4. Please be in prayer for Buckey Pearre as he had a reoccurrence of fluid building up in his lungs. Please pray that the doctors would be able to determine the cause of this repeated issue and correct it.
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**

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|-------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| TODAY:      | 10:30 AM | Lord's Day Worship Service           |
| Tuesday     | 7:00 PM  | Called Joint Board Meeting – Room 18 |
| Wednesday   | 11:00 AM | Funeral Service for Rudy Bixler      |
| 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 11, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 14:6-12

Sermon Title: "Choose Your Words Carefully"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Our manner of speaking must always aim at building up.

Main Point 1: Intelligible speech benefits the hearer. (vs. 6)

Point 1: Revelation of Prophecy.

Point 2: Teaching of Knowledge.

Main Point 2: Unintelligible speech benefits no one.

Point 1: Like indistinguishable music notes. (vs. 7)

Point 2: Like an indistinguishable bugle. (vs. 8)

Point 3: Speaking onto the air. (vs. 9)

Main Point 3: Unintelligible speech injures the believer.

Point 1: Common language unites. (vss. 10-11)

Point 2: A foreigner in the family. (vs. 11)