

The Lord's Day

August 25, 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...

God, the great Creator of all things, doth uphold, direct dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

Westminster Confession of Faith V.1

Prelude

Glorious Is the Name of Jesus

Mr. Oronde' Short

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

RE Mark Werner

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 67:1-3

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, Selah

² that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

Invocation

Hymn No. 457

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

We embrace Christ's Word

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith V.5

The most wise, righteous, and gracious God, does oftentimes leave for a season His own children to manifold temptations and the corruption of their own hearts, to chastise them for their former sins, or to discover unto them the hidden strength of corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts, that they may be humbled; and to raise them to a more close and constant dependence for their support upon himself, and to make them more watchful against all future occasions of sin, and for sundry other just and holy ends.

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalms 62

¹ For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.
² **He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**
³ How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?
⁴ **They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood.**
They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.
⁵ **For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.**
⁶ He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
⁷ **On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**
⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.
⁹ **Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion;**
in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.
¹⁰ **Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**
¹¹ Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, ¹² and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.
For you will render to a man according to his work.

God's Call to Contentment (Responsive)

1 Timothy 6:6-11

⁶ Godliness with contentment is great gain,
⁷ **for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.**
⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.
⁹ **But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.**
¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils.
It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.
¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these things.
Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

Hymn No. 108

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Was Gott Tut

Whate'er my God ordains is right: his holy will abideth;
I will be still whate'er he doth, and follow where he guideth.
He is my God; though dark my road, he holds me that I shall not fall:
Wherefore to him I leave my all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: he never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path; I know he will not leave me.
I take, content, what he hath sent; his hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait his day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup, in drinking,
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking.
My God is true; each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand by taken;
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there; he holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to him I leave it all.

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

Give Me A Clean Heart

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 4:10-13

Pew Bible pg. 982

¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Sermon

"The Mystery of Contentment"

Pastor Bell

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

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 559

Father, I Know That All My Life

Morwellham

Father, I know that all my life is portioned out for me;
The changes that are sure to come, I do not fear to see:
I ask thee for a present mind, intent on pleasing thee.

I would not have the restless will that hurries to and fro,
Seeking for some great thing to do, or secret thing to know;
I would be treated as a child, and guided where I go.

I ask thee for the daily strength, to none that ask denied,
A mind to blend with outward life, while keeping at they side,
Content to fill a little space, if thou be glorified.

In service which thy will appoints there are no bonds for me;
My secret heart is taught the truth that makes thy children free;
A life of self-renouncing love is one of liberty.

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

Danish

Postlude

The Lost Chord

arr.: Sir Arthur Sullivan

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; and we welcome our Pastor Emeritus, Robert Bell, as he preaches God's Word.

Pastor Ceselsky is away through the end of the day today.

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 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 keep both the Carson and Short/Jones families in prayer as they mourn the loss of loved ones.

2. Please continue to be in prayer for Wanda Wilson as she is in hospice care at the Quarryville Presbyterian Home. Please keep her husband, Ken, and the rest of the family in prayer as well.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Mary Lou Wickham as she recovers from back surgery. Pray for a full, and speedy, recovery.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Maisie Manning's daughter, Yvonne, as she recovers and does rehab in relation to surgery.
5. Please continue to be in prayer for Debbie DeFord as she deals with her torn rotator cuff.
6. Please continue to be in prayer for Sarah (Soule) Walters as she recovers from surgery this week to remove 3 kidney stones and a cyst.
7. 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: August 25, 2024

Text: Philippians 4:10-13

Sermon Title: "The Mystery of Contentment"

Delivered By: Pastor Robert Bell

Main Point 1: Paul's Guarded Gratitude.

Main Point 2: Paul's Constant Contentment.

Main Point 3: Paul's Secret Sufficiency.