

The Lord's Day

September 1, 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...

Children love anything that shines or moves or makes noise. ... Many modern Christians have the same mentality. ... They would rather be made to feel than to think... they fall too easily under the spell of a virtuoso ... anyone with charm, ... It shows lack of maturity in the things of the Spirit.

Gaston Deluz

Prelude

Lead Me Lord, Lead Me In Thy Righteous

Samuel Wesley

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 130

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

² O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,

that you may be feared.

⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen for the morning,

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⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with him is plentiful redemption.

⁸ And he will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

Invocation

Hymn No. 691

It Is Well with My Soul

Ville Du Havre

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,

when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so”—it is well with my soul.

We embrace Christ’s Word

Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 76

What is repentance unto life?

Repentance unto life is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God’s mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, he so grieves for and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavoring constantly to walk with him in all the ways of new obedience.

Confession of Our Sinful Nature & God’s Grace (Responsive)

Romans 5:12-6:4

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin,
and so death spread to all men because all sinned

¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.

¹⁴ **Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.**

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass.

For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin.

For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.

¹⁷ For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man,
much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men,

so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners,

so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass,

but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death,

grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

^{6:1} What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

² **By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?**

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴ **We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,**

in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

we too might walk in newness of life.

Our Calling to Maturity and Perfection (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.**

Hymn No. 253

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die;
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing your pow'r to save,
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave:
Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave:

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:

Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

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 *His Eye Is On The Sparrow* Charles Gabriel
Duet: Dr. Kennet Dean, Jr., organ & Mrs. Yuki Fisher, piano

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 14:20 Pew Bible pg. 960

Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

Sermon "Time to Grow Up" 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. 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

Onward, Christian Soldiers (Tune: St Gertrude) - Arthur S. Sullivan
Duet: Dr. Kennet Dean, Jr., organ & Mrs. Yuki Fisher, piano

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

Announcements

The Adult Choir will begin practices this Saturday at 10 AM. New members are always welcome!

Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9:00 AM on Sunday, September 15. Pastor Ceselsky will be leading the adult class on a study of the Gospels/life of Christ within the specific context of the land of Israel. Sandy Jones and Betty Werner will be leading the children's classes.

A Grief Share Support Group will be meeting at Valley Presbyterian Church on Tuesdays from September 10 through December 10 from 12 – 2 PM.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for George Johnson's nephew, Jesse, as he serves in the Israeli Defense Force. Pray as well for George's family as they live in this war-torn country.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Mary Lou Wickham as she recovers from back surgery this past week. Pray for a full, and speedy, recovery.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Maisie Manning's daughter, Yvonne, as she recovers and does rehab in relation to surgery.
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 with The Lord's Supper
Saturday:	10:00 AM	Choir Practice – Room 25
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: September 1, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 14:20

Sermon Title: “Time to Grow Up”
Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: We must grow into a maturing Christian world and life view.

Main Point 1: Forsake Childish Thinking.

Point 1: All that Glitters.

Point 2: Self-Centered.

Main Point 2: Embrace Moral Innocence. (v. 20b)

Point 1: Separate from Sin.

Point 2: Repentance for Sin.

Main Point 3: Embrace Mature Thinking. (v. 20c)

Point 1: The Mind of Christ.

Point 2: Other-Centered.

Do not be children	in your thinking:	A
But be infants	in evil.	B
Rather	in your thinking be adults.	A’