

The Lord's Day

October 27, 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 is the hero of Paul's story, and of every believer's story as well.

ESV Study Bible

Prelude

Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

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

Isaiah 6:1-7

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Invocation

Hymn No. 486

God, Be Merciful to Me

Redhead

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.

Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
Let me contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound-less grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

We embrace Christ's Word

The Call of God's Salvation

Ephesians 2:8-10

Read by: Mr. Jonathan Frank

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The Command of God

Romans 12:11

Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

The Call to a Faith which Works (Responsive)

James 2:14-26

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?

Can that faith save [us]?

¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of [you] says to them,

“Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

¹⁷ **So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.**

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.”

Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well.

Even the demons believe—and shudder!

²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?

²¹ **Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?**

²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;

²³ **and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.**

²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

²⁵ **And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?**

²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

[Our] ability to do good works is not at all of [ourselves], but wholly from the Spirit of Christ. And that [we] may be enabled thereunto, besides the graces [we] have already received, there is required an actual influence of the same Holy Spirit to work in [us] to will and to do of His good pleasure; yet are [we] not hereupon to grow negligent, as if [we] were not bound to perform any duty unless upon a special motion of the Spirit; but [we] ought to be diligent in stirring up the grace of God that is in [us].

Hymn No. 590

Jesus, Master, Whose I Am

Wells

Jesus, Master, whose I am, purchased thine alone to be
By thy blood, O spotless Lamb, shed so willingly for me,
Let my heart be all thine own, let me live to thee alone.

Jesus, Master, I am thine; keep me faithful, keep me near;
Let thy presence in me shine all my homeward way to cheer.
Jesus, at thy feet I fall, O be thou my all in all.

Jesus, Master, whom I serve, though so feebly and so ill,
Strengthen hand and heart and nerve all my bidding to fulfill.
Open thou mine eyes to see all the work thou hast for me.

Lord, thou needest not, I know, service such as I can bring,
Yet I long to prove and show full allegiance to my King.
Thou an honor art to me: let me be a praise to thee.

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther – arr. Carl Mueller
The Aisquith Choir

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing; Our helper He amid the flood of mortal
ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are great;
and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal. Did we in our own strength confide, Our
striving would be losing; Were not the right man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask Who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He; Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the
same, And He must win the battle. A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing is our
God.

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 15:9-11

Pew Bible pg. 961

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Sermon

“Laboring with Grace”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's grace

Hymn

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thomson, and Michael Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus for my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken; for by my side, the Savior he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing for in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven. The future sure, the price it has been paid;
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home;
And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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

Danish

Postlude

The Church's One Foundation

Samuel Wesley

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

Announcements

Next Sunday, Daylight Savings Time ends. Please remember to set your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Our Thanksgiving Offering this year will be made to MNA's Disaster Relief to help in the relief efforts following Hurricanes Helene and Milton – you can use your “Thanksgiving Offering” envelope or a pink envelope (labeled “Thanksgiving”) at any time to give to this important cause.

This year's Reformation Service will be at 3:30 PM TODAY at Broadneck Evangelical Presbyterian Church (235 Bay Dale Drive, Arnold, MD). The theme for the service is *Sola Christus* and Dr. Glenn Parkinson (Pastor Emeritus of Severna Park E.P church) will be preaching.

Nominations for Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses may be submitted to Pastor Ceselsky, RE Mark Werner or RE Jeff Soule this month.

Operation Christmas Child boxes are available in the narthex. Please feel free to fill as many as you want. Please check off which gender and age-range that the box is for. Boxes must be returned no later than Sunday, November 24.

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for the Clark family as Ralph is currently under the care of home hospice. Pray as well for the family as they grieve the coming absence of one so loved.
2. Please be in prayer for Judy Greenwell as she is recovering in the hospital from a recent stroke.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Stuart Jones as he adapts to the challenge of reduced ability to get around. Pray as well as work is done at their home to make it more accessible.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Debbie DeFord as she recovers and rehabs from her bypass surgery.
5. Please continue to be in prayer for Mary Lou Wickham as she continues to deal with tremendous pain in her back (and leg).
6. Please continue to be in prayer for Joyce Donohue as she recovers/rehabs from a recent fall.
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:	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages Children – Rooms 16 & 17 Adults – Room 11
	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Choir Practice – Room 27
	3:30 PM	Reformation Worship Service – Broadneck E.P. Church
	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 24-27 – Rebekah)
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16

(Please prepare pages 48-54)
NEXT Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
Children – Rooms 16 & 17
Adults – Room 11
10:30 AM Lord's Day Worship Service
12:00 PM Choir Practice – Room 27

Coming Soon

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service – Wednesday, November 27 – 7 PM

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: October 27, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:9-11

Sermon Title: "Laboring with Grace"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Through the faithful proclamation of the Gospel, God qualifies His people.

Main Point 1: The Gospel's unworthy recipients. (v. 9)

Point 1: Hostile to the Church.

Point 2: Hostile to God.

Main Point 2: The Gospel's worthy guarantor.

Point 1: Christ. (vv. 3b-5a)

Point 2: Grace. (v. 10)

Main Point 3: The Gospel's worthy worker. (vv. 10-11)

Point 1: Zeal for the Lord and for His people.

Point 2: Co-Laborers for the Gospel.