

The Lord's Day

November 10, 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...

The first sheaf of the harvest given to the Lord as a token that all the harvest belonged to the Lord and would be dedicated to him through dedicated lives. So Christ, who has been raised, is the guarantee of the resurrection of all of God's redeemed people.

NIV Study Bible

Prelude

Meditation (from: THAIS)

Jules Massenet

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

John 17:15-19

¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.
¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Invocation

Hymn No. 521

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

We embrace Christ's Word

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that sin came into the world through one man, our father, Adam; and death through his sin; and so death spread to all men because in him, all sinned. For we all face death because of this one man's trespass. And your righteous judgment following that one trespass brought condemnation to us all. And because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, as his one trespass led to the condemnation of all men as we were all made sinners. We therefore, acknowledge our nature of sin and rest fully in the righteousness of the second Adam, the Lord Jesus Christ through whom alone do we find forgiveness and life.

Individual Confession of Sin

Our Assurance in Christ (Responsive)

Romans 6:1-11

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.**

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

⁶ **We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.**

⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ **Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.**

⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

¹⁰ **For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.**

¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 57

What comfort does the resurrection of the body offer you?

Not only shall my soul after this life immediately be taken up to Christ, my Head, but also this my flesh, raised by the power of Christ, shall be reunited with my soul and made like Christ's glorious body.

Hymn No. 277

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

“Christ the Lords is ris’n today,” Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has lead, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

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

O God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst
The Aisquith Choir

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end; we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. Alleluia. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King; and whether out tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still; to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise. Alleluia.

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 15:12-0

Pew Bible pg. 961

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are

not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Sermon

“‘If’s and But’s’ Revisited – Part 2”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God’s grace

Hymn

Christ Is Risen, He is Risen Indeed

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How can it be, the One who died - Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death - Sing, sing hallelujah

For joy awakes as dawning light - When Christ's disciples lift their eyes
Alive He stands, their friend and king - Christ, Christ, He is risen

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah
Join the chorist' and all the redeemed - Christ is risen, He is risen indeed

Where doubt and darkness once had been - They saw Him and their hearts believed
But blessed are those who have not seen - Yet, sing hallelujah

Once bound by fear now bold in faith - They preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained - Life, life everlasting

Refrain

The power that raised Him from the grave - Now works in us to powerfully save
He frees our hearts to live His grace - Go tell of His goodness

Refrain x 2

He's alive, He's alive! Heaven's gates are opened wide
He's alive, He's alive! Now in heaven glorified
(Repeat)

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

Danish

Postlude

Because He Lives

Alfred Ackley

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

Announcements

We experienced some unfortunate issues with our deposits from October 6 and October 27. On both occasions, while the deposits were being made, the ATM into which they were being made shut down. The church has been credited with the full amount of the donated funds, but if you gave a check on either

of those dates, it could take up to 45 days for those checks to clear through your bank. (Some checks went through with no issues – it was about half of the checks on each Sunday.) We are very sorry for any issues this may cause you, but the bank is working with us to resolve the issue as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please speak with RE Mark Werner.

Stained-Glass window update: A group of church members and attenders asked the Session to reconsider the process for donating our stained-glass window. The Session, along with the Board of Deacons, agreed to work with this group to find a good home for the window. This will cause a slight delay in the window's removal. We fully anticipate that the project will be completed in January 2025. Feel free to ask Pastor Ceselsky if you have any questions.

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.

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 continue to 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 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.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Debbie DeFord as she recovers and rehabs from her bypass surgery.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Joyce Donohue as she recovers/rehabs from a recent fall.
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:	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
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Joint Board Meeting – Room 18
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 30-32 – Elizabeth)
	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 61-67)
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
Christmas Decorating – Sunday, December 1 – 12 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: November 10, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Sermon Title: "'If's and But's' Revisited – Part 2"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Because Christ has been raised, Biblical Christianity is the only true religion.

Main Point 1: Because Christ has been raised, death is not the end. (v. 20)

Point 1: Christ has been historically risen.

Point 2: Christ is the first-fruits of those who fall asleep.

Main Point 2: Because Christ has been raised, Christianity is truth.

Point 1: Our preaching is essential.

Point 2: Our faith is solidly grounded.

Point 3: Our God is truth.

Main Point 3: Because Christ has been raised, we have a certain hope.

Point 1: Our sins have been forgiven.

Point 2: Death brings us into the presence of the risen One.

Point 3: We must pity the unbelieving world.