

The Lord's Day

March 9, 2025 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 grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Reinhold Niebuhr

Prelude

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Fred Bock

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 103:17-19

- ¹⁷ The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.
¹⁹ The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

Invocation

Hymn No. 6

O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

Tidings

O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Maker,
And all within me bless his holy name;
Bless thou the Lord, forget not all his mercies,
His pard'ning grace and saving love proclaim.

***Bless him forever, wondrous in might,
Bless him, his servants that in his will delight.***

Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion,
Most slow to anger, plenteous in love;
Rich is his grace to all that humbly seek him,
Boundless and endless as the heav'ns above.

His love is like a father's to his children,

Tender and kind to all who fear his name;
For well he knows our weakness and our frailty,
He knows that we are dust, he knows our frame.

We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beauty,
like tender grass that soon will disappear;
but evermore the love of God is changeless,
still shown to those who look to him in fear.

High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed forever,
His kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole;
Bless ye the Lord through all his wide dominion,
Bless his most holy name, O thou my soul.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith V.2

Although in relation to the foreknowledge and decree of God, the first cause, all things come to pass immutably and infallibly, yet, by the same providence, He order them to fall out according to the nature of second causes, either necessarily, freely, or contingently.

Confession of Sin (**Unison**)

James 1:13-15

¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Individual Confession of Sin

Confession of Christ's Righteousness

Hebrews 4:15-16

Read by: DE R. Andrew Bell

¹⁵ We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

God's Grace in the Lives of His People

Romans 8:28

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,
for those who are called according to his purpose.

Hymn

Before the Throne

Sovereign Grace

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands

No tongue can bid me thence depart (2X).

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of my guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me (2X).

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of Glory and of Grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God (2X)

We acknowledge God's blessings

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (**in unison**)

RE Riley B. Franklin

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Eternal Life

Olive Dungan
The Aisquith Choir

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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 16:10-12

Pew Bible pg. 962

¹⁰ When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am. ¹¹ So let no one despise him. Help him on his way in peace, that he may return to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers.

¹² Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brothers, but it was not at all his will to come now. He will come when he has opportunity.

Sermon

“Serenity Prayer”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God’s Grace

Hymn No. 75

O Father, You Are Sovereign

St. Theodulph

O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made;
Your might word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean’s shore,
Sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest’s roar.

O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man;
No pow’rs of death or darkness can thwart your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,
You hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign, the Lord of human pain,
Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav’nly gain.
All evil overruling, as none by Conqu’ror could,
Your love pursues its purpose – our souls’ eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now,
But soon before your triumph earth’s every knee shall bow.
With this glad home before us our faith springs up anew;
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you!

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

Danish

Postlude

Intermezzo

Mascagni

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

Announcements

We give thanks to the Lord for the “new” Stieff piano that was donated to the church and now is in the sanctuary to help lead us in worship.

Tulips for Easter: The book is in the narthex to sign up for tulips for the Easter service. The cost of each plant is \$10 (please use one of the pink envelopes in the book or pew racks) and the deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 30.

Staf and Judy Greenwell have a new address and phone number. Staf & Judy Greenwell, Cypress Creek Assisted Living, 831 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, MD 21146. Their phone number is 410-409-2160.

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for Diane Eisenmeier's 101-year-old mother. She has been moved into hospice care at this point. Pray as well for Diane and her family as they grieve in this time.
2. Please be in prayer for Betty Jo Norris as she continues to battle various health issues. Pray as well for Norm as he cares for her.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Stuart Jones and his family as he awaits a very risky procedure to be performed in the middle of this month.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Dina Sunderland as she completes additional testing for treatment for her non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. Pray for wisdom for those caring for Dina and that the Lord would be pleased to use her witness to Christ during this time.
5. Please continue to be in prayer for Buckey Pearre as he continues to struggle. He will be having an important blood test tomorrow. He also has a neurology appointment scheduled for April 29 – Buckey and Nancy are asking that we pray that an opening would become available earlier than that. Please pray as well for Nancy as she cares for Buckey.
6. 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:	12:00 AM	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS!
	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 Rehearsal – Rooms 26 & 27
	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Session Meeting – Room 38
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 66-68 – Deborah)
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 121-126)
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 Rehearsal – Rooms 26 & 27

Church Officers

Ruling Elders: Riley B. Franklin, Jeff Soule & Mark Werner (Clerk)

Deacons: Andrew Bell, Gus DeFord, Jonathan, Frank, Ken Schumann (President), and Rick Willis

Deaconesses: Christine Clark, Debbie DeFord, Judi Mason, Fran Oswinkle, & Jeanne Williams
(Moderator)

Sermon Notes

Date: March 9, 2025

Text: 1 Corinthians 16:10-12

Sermon Title: "Serenity Prayer"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: God calls us to be faithful in what we can control, and to accept his providence in what we cannot.

Main Point 1: Paul promises to send Timothy. (v. 10)

Point 1: Put God's ministers at ease. (v. 10)

Point 2: Let no one despise God's ministers. (v. 11a)

Point 3: Provide for God's ministers. (v. 11b)

Main Point 2: Paul urges Apollos. (v. 12a,b)

Point 1: Accept others' decisions. (v. 12c)

Point 2: In their own timing. (v. 12d)