

The Lord's Day

March 16, 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 calls Christians to a way of life that incites opposition from the world. He calls his people to enter a spiritual war in which opponents seek believers' destruction and fight against believers' goals. In this hostile world, it is essential that followers of Christ be courageous and strong. Christians can do this in the face of strong opposition because their victory is sure in Christ, who has already overcome the world (John 16:33).

Richard Pratt

Prelude

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

William Doane

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

Invocation

Call to Worship

Psalm 130:5-6

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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Hymn No. 320

Rejoice, All Ye Believers

Lancashire

Rejoice, all ye believers, and let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near:
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he draweth nigh;
Up, pray, and watch, and wrestle: at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil;
And wait for your salvation, the end of earthly toil.
The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go meet him as he cometh, with alleluias clear.

Ye saints, who here in patience your cross and sufferings bore,
Shall live and reign forever, when sorrow is no more:
Around the throne of glory the Lamb ye shall behold,

In triumph cast before him your diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, thou sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption that brings us unto thee.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
By whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation
Came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
And was made man;
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
Who spoke by the prophets;
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn No. 94

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you. O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“E’en down to old age all my people shall prove
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

The Call of God for Maturity

1 Corinthians 13:11

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.
When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

Prayer of Confession and Supplication

Hebrews 5:11-14 (adapted)

Heavenly Father, we have become dull of hearing. For though by this time we ought to be teachers of your Word, yet we still need someone to teach us again the basic principles of your Word. We still need milk because we cannot handle solid food. We still live on milk as those unskilled in the word of righteousness, because we are like a child. But acknowledge that solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil. With such confession, we pray, O Lord, that you would, by your Holy Spirit, mature us in Christ that we should all faithfully proclaim your Word of righteousness.

The Promise of God

Colossians 1:27-28

²⁷ To [the saints] God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Hymn No. 575

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Diademata

Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies through his eternal Son,
Strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in his mighty pow’r,
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.

Stand then in his great might, with all his strength endued;
But take, to arm you for the fight, the panoply of God.

Leave no unguarded place, no weakness of the soul;
Take ev'ry virtue, every grace, and fortify the whole.

To keep your armor bright, attend with constant care;
Still walking in your Captain's sight, and watching unto prayer.
From strength to strength go on; wrestle and fight and pray;
Tread all the pow'rs of darkness down, and win the well-fought day.

We acknowledge God's blessings

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

RE Jeff Soule

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Gloria In Excelsis Deo (from: The 12th Mass)

W.A. Mozart
The Aisquith Choir

Glorious is Thy name, Almighty Lord, glorious is Thy name, is Thy name, O Lord, glorious is Thy name, glorious is Thy name, Almighty, glorious is Thy name, O Lord, glorious is Thy name, O Lord, glorious is Thy name, Almighty Lord; all the angels stand, stand round about Thy throne, all the angels stand, stand round about Thy throne; Let all nations bow before Thee, bow before Thee, let all nations bow before Thee, let all, let all nations bow before Thee, let all nations bow before Thee, let all, let all nations bow before Thee, and declare Thy wond'rous works. We praise Thee, we give thanks to Thee, we adore Thee, we glorify Thee. Lord, we adore Thee, we bless Thee; Lord, we thank Thee for Thy great glory, Lord, we thank Thee, Lord, we thank Thee, Lord we thank Thee for Thy great glory, for Thy great glory, for Thy great glory. Heav'n is Thy throne, and earth is Thy footstool. Thou art King over all the world. Glorious is Thy name, is Thy name, O Lord, glorious is Thy name. blessing and honor be to God, forever and ever, forever, evermore, forever, evermore. Blessing and honor be to God forever and evermore. Blessing and honor be to God, forever and evermore, blessing forever and evermore.

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 16:13-14

Pew Bible pg. 962

¹³ Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.
¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love.

Sermon

"Full-Time Faith"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn

O Church Arise

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O church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

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

Danish

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Tune: Lobe Den Herren)

arr. K. Dean

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

Announcements

Funeral Arrangements for Diane Eisenmeier's mother, Eva Freeman, are as follows: a viewing will on Wednesday, March 19, from 10am - 12:00PM with the funeral beginning at 12:00pm at the Eckhardt

Funeral Chapel, 11605 Reisterstown Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Interment to follow at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Finksburg.

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.

Our Easter Offering the Year will again go to Mission to North America’s Disaster Relief Ministry as they continue to try and help those in the Southeastern part of the United States as they recover from Hurricanes Milton and Helene.

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for Diane Eisenmeier and her family as her 101-year-old mother, Eva Freeman, passed away on Thursday.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Stuart Jones and his family as he will be undergoing a very risky procedure on Wednesday.
3. 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.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Buckey Pearre as he continues to struggle. Buckey has an appointment on Monday for an iron injection and he 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.
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 Rehearsal – Rooms 26 & 27
Tuesday	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women’s Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Visit with Gwen Cicone)
	7:00 PM	Men’s Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 127-132)
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

Coming Soon

Maundy Thursday Worship Service – April 17 – 7:00 PM at Aisquith
Good Friday Worship Service – April 18 – 7:00 PM at Loch Raven

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 16, 2025

Text: 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Sermon Title: “Full-Time Faith”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The Christian is commanded to consistently live the Christian life.

Point 1: Be Watchful. (v. 13a)

Point 2: Stand Firm in the Faith. (v. 13b)

Point 3: Act like Men. (v. 13c)

Point 4: Be Strong. (v. 13d)

Point 5: Let all that you do be done in Love. (v. 14)