

# *Palm Sunday*

April 13, 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...*

*Notwithstanding all the discoveries of science and all the efforts to educate, Europe and America are in the dark. The great crowds see not the true character of God, the worth of their souls, the reality of the world to come. And Christ is the only hope. He has risen like the sun, to diffuse life and light, salvation and peace, in the midst of a dark world.*

Arthur Pink

Prelude

Gavotte

J.S. Bach  
The Aisquith Handbell Choir

*Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.*

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

## **We praise our great God**

Call to Worship

Psalms 118:26-29

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

<sup>27</sup> The Lord is God,

and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.

<sup>29</sup> Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Invocation

Hymn No. 2

*O Worship the King*

Lyons

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.

His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;  
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;  
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn you above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

### **We embrace Christ through His Word**

Our Confession of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith, VIII.1

**It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only-begotten Son, to be the mediator between God and men, the prophet, priest, and king; the head and Savior of the church, the heir of all things, and judge of the world; unto whom He did, from all eternity, give a people to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.**

Our Confession of Sin (Responsive)

John 3:19-21

<sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world,  
**and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.**

<sup>20</sup> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

<sup>21</sup> **But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."**

Individual Confession of Sin

God's Light in Christ

Isaiah 9:2

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shone.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Hymn No. 304

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Vox Dilecti

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down you head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, weary worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk, till trav'ling days are done.

**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

*Rejoice, The Lord Is King*

(Tune: Darwall) John Darwall  
The Aisquith Handbell Choir

*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

John 8:12

Pew Bible pg. 894

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying,  
"I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Sermon

"I AM the Light of the World"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

**We respond to God's Grace**

Hymn No. 580

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

Lancashire

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;  
Hence forth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home;  
Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong,  
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,  
But deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears;  
For gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears;  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:  
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

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

Danish

Postlude

*Tranquil Chimings*

Sandra Eithun

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

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**Announcements**

**We will be holding a potluck congregational** lunch and fellowship time with John & Gwen Cicone following Worship TODAY! The church will be providing the main course (hamburgers, hot dogs, and BBQ chicken) and drinks. Each family is asked to bring either a vegetable, salad, or dessert.

**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.

**We will be hosting a congregational workday** here at the church on Saturday, May 17, beginning at 8:30 AM. Please join the deacons if you are able – many hands make light work!

**Prayer Requests**

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Buckey Pearre, as well as Nancy and their whole family. His lung doctor strongly believes that Buckey does have cancer in the pleura of his right lung. Buckey is currently in rehab. Please pray for healing, physical comfort, and for his appetite to return.
2. 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                                    |
|             | 12:00 PM | Cookout & Fellowship Luncheon with the Cicones                |
| Tuesday     | 5:30 PM  | Bell Choir Practice – Room 28                                 |
| Thursday    | 7:00 PM  | Maundy Thursday Worship Service                               |
| Friday      | 7:00 PM  | Good Friday Worship Service at Loch Raven Presbyterian Church |
| NEXT Sunday | 10:30 AM | Lord's Day Worship Service                                    |

### Coming Soon

Congregational Work Day @ the Church – May 17 – 8:30 AM

### 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: April 13, 2025

Text: John 8:12

Sermon Title: "I AM the Light of the World"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Jesus, the Light of the World, is the King we must follow.

Main Point 1: Jesus is the Judging King. (John 8:15-16)

Point 1: In his incarnation, Jesus does not judge.

Point 2: Jesus judges with the Father.

Point 3: Jesus judges the heart.

Main Point 2: Jesus is the Priestly King. (John 8:28)

Point 1: Jesus will die for sin.

Point 2: Jesus' death reveals his true identity.

Main Point 3: Jesus is the Eternal King. (John 8:56-58)

Point 1: Before Abraham was, I AM.

Point 2: Jesus gives eternal life.