

Easter Sunday

April 20, 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...

"I am the Resurrection and the Life" is more than an announcement of the general resurrection on the last day; this looks forward to Jesus' own rising from the dead and affirms that believers in him, being united to him by faith, will share his risen life even though they experience bodily death.

F.F. Bruce

Prelude

Chorale – O Sacred Head

J.S. Bach

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 (Responsive)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

I am He that lives, and was dead, says the Lord; and behold, I am alive forevermore.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Invocation

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 embrace Christ's Call

Our Confession of Sin (Responsive)

Romans 3:9-18,23

⁹ What then? Are we Jews any better off?

No, not at all.

For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin,

¹⁰ **as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;**

¹¹ no one understands; no one seeks for God.

¹² **All have turned aside;**

together they have become worthless;

no one does good, not even one."

¹³ "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive."

"The venom of asps is under their lips."

¹⁴ "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."

¹⁵ **"Their feet are swift to shed blood;**

¹⁶ in their paths are ruin and misery,

¹⁷ **and the way of peace they have not known."**

¹⁸ "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

²³ **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

The Judgement & The Grace of God

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Our Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Questions 85 & 87

Death, being the wages of sin, why are not the righteous delivered from death, seeing all their sins are forgiven in Christ?

The righteous shall be delivered from death itself at the last day, and even in death are delivered from the sting and curse of it; so that, although they die, yet it is out of God's love, to free them perfectly from sin and misery, and to make them capable of further communion with Christ in glory, which they then enter upon.

What are we to believe concerning the resurrection?

We are to believe that at the last day there shall be a general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust: when they that are then found alive shall in a moment be changed; and the selfsame bodies of the dead which were laid in the grave, being then again united to their souls forever, shall be raised up by the power of Christ. The bodies of the just, by the Spirit of Christ, and by virtue of his resurrection as their head, shall be raised in power,

spiritual, incorruptible, and made like to his glorious body; and the bodies of the wicked shall be raised up in dishonor by him, as an offended judge.

Hymn No. 286

Worship Christ, the Risen King!

Regent Square

Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:
“Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares.”
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow’r;
All hell’s minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.
He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!

Doubt may lift his head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
But the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.
He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

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

And Can It Be

Clydesdale
The Aisquith Choir

Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my god, shouldst die for me. And can it be that I should gain an int’rest in the Savior’s blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing Love! How can it be That Thou, my god, shouldst die for me. Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my god, shouldst die for me. He left His father’s throne above, so free, so infinite His grace Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam’s helpless race. Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature’s night. Thine eye diffused a quick’ning ray, I woke the dungeon was flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth and followed, I followed Thee. Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, that Thou my god, shouldst die for me. Amazing love!

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 11:17-27

Pew Bible pg. 897

¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

Sermon

"I Am The Resurrection and The Life"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 274

Thine Be the Glory

Maccabaeus

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes, where thy body lay.

***Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.***

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, tho' thy deathless love;
Bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.

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

Danish

Postlude

Hallelujah! (from The Messiah)

G.F. Handel

The Aisquith Choir, Congregation, Trumpets and Organ

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! The kingdom of this

world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, for ever and ever. Hallelujah! and Lord of Lords, for ever and ever. Hallelujah! King of Kings, for ever and ever. Hallelujah! and Lord of Lords, for ever and ever. Hallelujah! King of Kings, for ever and ever. Hallelujah! and Lord of Lords, for ever and ever. Hallelujah! King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and He shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings for ever and ever. Hallelujah! And He shall reign for ever and ever, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and He shall reign for ever and ever, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

Announcements

This year's Easter Offering will 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. You can use your Easter envelope or use a pink envelope, found in the pew racks, and label it as "Easter Offering."

A very special thanks to those who contributed to the service this morning:

Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr.

Musicians: James Green – Music Arranger and Coordinator
Benjamin Black – Bass
Jordon McKenney – Tenor
Ronald Rolling – Trumpet
David Russell – Trumpet
Hattie Smith Shannon – Soprano

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for Joyce Donohue as she recovers at home following a recent hospital stay and recent fall.
2. 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 struggling while in rehab. Please pray for healing, physical comfort, and for his appetite to return.
3. 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	Easter Worship Service
Tuesday	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 77-80 – Wounded Women & Hagar)
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 139-145)
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

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)

Tulips for Easter 2025

From

Memorial

The Aisquith Deaconesses
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Angela & Noe Andrade
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George & Ruth Ellen Beerli
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John & Christine Clark
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Debbie & Gus DeFord
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Anna Graham & Sons
Sandy & Stuart Jones
Jayne Kuegler
Eileen Ley
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George & Fran Oswinkle
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John Schaller
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Candy Short
Jeff & Libby Soule

Giving thanks for Stuart & Sandy Jones
Giving thanks for Norm & Betty Jo Norris
Giving thanks for Buckey & Nancy Pearre
In memory of Giovanni Andrade
In memory of Adrian Andrade
In memory of Husband Darl Barfield
In memory of Gebhard & Rosa Beerli
In memory of Charles & Jeanette Gronenthal
In memory of Gebhard & Rosa Beerli
In memory of Ralph Clark
In memory of John Clark, Sr.
In memory of Gus' parents and siblings
In memory of Debbie's parents & Brother
In memory of Pastor Tom Graham
To the Glory of God
In memory of her mom.
In honor of the Baker Family
In honor of Melody Bell's Family
In honor of the Loveless Family
In honor of the Wilson Family
In memory of John & Anna Oswinkle
In memory of Andy & Frances Zebrowski
In memory of brother/brother-in-law, Joseph Zebrowski
In honor of grandson Tomas O. Oswinkle
In memory of Sandy
In memory of Sandy
In memory of Sandy
In memory of Laura Jones
In memory of Joe

*Jeff & Libby Soule
The Wickham Family
The Wickham Family*

*In memory of Joe
In memory of Joseph
Giving thanks for Joseph*

Sermon Notes

Date: April 20, 2025

Text: John 11:17-27

Sermon Title: "I AM the Resurrection and the Life"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: In Christ, we have overcome.

Main Point 1: Jesus overcomes our human weaknesses.

Point 1: Can't be done.

Point 2: Fear.

Main Point 2: Jesus overcomes our faith's weaknesses.

Point 1: Limit God.

Point 2: Doctrine.

Main Point 3: Jesus overcomes our enemy.

Point 1: Resurrection and the Life.

Point 2: Life