

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026 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...

By raising Christ from the dead, God the Father was in effect saying that he approved of Christ's work of suffering and dying for our sins, that his work was completed, and that Christ no longer had any need to remain dead. There was no penalty left to pay for sin, no more wrath of God to bear, no more guilt or liability to punishment – all had been completely paid for and no guilt remained.

Wayne Grudem

Prelude

He Lives

Alfred Ackley

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

Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 52

How was Christ exalted in his resurrection?

Christ was exalted in his resurrection, in that, not having seen corruption in death, (of which it was not possible for him to be held,) and having the very same body in which he suffered, with the essential properties thereof, (but without mortality, and other common infirmities belonging to this life,) really united to his soul, he rose again from the dead the third day by his own power; whereby he declared himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have vanquished death, and him that had the power of it, and to be Lord of quick and dead: all which he did as a public person, the head of his church, for their justification, quickening in grace, support against enemies, and to assure them of their resurrection from the dead at the last day.

We Embrace Christ by Faith (Responsive)

Romans 4:20b-25

²⁰ [Abraham] grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

²¹ **fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.**

²² That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness."

²³ **But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone,**

²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord,

²⁵ **who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.**

Christ Embraces His People

Romans 8:31-34

Read by: DE Rick Willis

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Our Future Hope In Christ

Colossians 3:1-4

Read by: DE Gus DeFord

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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.

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

The Heavens Resound

Beethoven

The Aisquith Choir, Organ & Brass

The heav'ns resound with the Lord's pow'r and glory, Through all the earth His praise abounds.
 The seas reecho His marvelous glorious; Let all, repeat, His praises sound! The stary vastness He
 orders and numbers, He cares for all upon the earth, The myriad stars bow in praise and
 submission, The stary hosts, His hands unfurled, the stary hosts, His hands unfurled. The Lord
 our God is the king of creation, In His right hand He holds all things. His people worship in
 praise and devotion, Before His might and power come. He is our maker whose love shall not
 waver, Our God of wisdom, ever kind; The heavens resound with the earth into glory, To serve
 the Lord and sing His praise, To serve the Lord and sing His praise.

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

Isaiah 53:9-12

Pew Bible pg. 614

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Sermon

“The Servant Rises”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God’s grace

Hymn

In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
’Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid,

Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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

Danish

Postlude

Recessional in a Classic Style

Gordon Young
Organ & Brass

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

Announcements

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

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

Musicians: Ronald Rolling – Trumpet
David Russell – Trumpet

Donations for Pastor Ceselsky to attend General Assembly may be made using the pink envelopes in the pews – please label the donation as “General Assembly” or “GA” for short. As of the end of March, we have raised \$1,792 of the \$2,500 goal (71%).

Donations for the Roof repair can be made through the ARC Fund. Please use a pink envelope and label it “ARC” or “Roof.” Total Project Cost: \$126,505; Amount Raised through the end of March: \$40,144 (~32%).

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Today is Laura Newman's Birthday, tomorrow (April 6) is Faith Moultrup's Birthday and Wednesday (April 8) is and Mark Werner's Birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Mark & Betty Werner's son-in-law, Tim's, sister (Sarah) as she continues to recover in the hospital as they are dealing with her bleeding issues.

2. Please be in prayer for Barb Jacob as she just returned home from a recent hospital visit. Please pray as well as Barb is looking for a senior apartment in the area.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Mercy Nnanna and her family as they mourn the sudden death of Mercy's husband.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for George Johnson's family in Israel. Jesse, George's grand-nephew has returned to the northern front of battle on the border with Lebanon.
5. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Eric & Anna Graham, MTW NEXT, Columbia – Eric and Anna have rejoiced to see much progress as they labor for Christ among the youth and college-aged students. At the same time, they have been facing difficulties as they seek to move to a new and better home for their growing family. They have a lease signed for a new home beginning mid-May but have been experiencing great challenges from their current landlord.
6. Please continue to be in prayer for those in our congregation who have on-going health concerns: Evelyn King, Betty Jo Norris, Robert Willis (Rick's brother) & Ken Wilson.
7. 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:	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare Lesson 9 on Daniel 8:1-27 (Pages 79-86))
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare pages 137-141 of the Chronological Guide to the Bible)
	6:00 PM	Choir Practice – Rooms 26-27
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 with The Lord's Supper

Coming Soon

Fellowship Breakfast with John & Gwen Cicone – Sunday, April 19 – 9:00 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

Women's Care Ministry: Christine Clark, Debbie DeFord, Judi Mason, Fran Oswinkle, & Jeanne Williams (Moderator)

Tulips for Easter 2026

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Memorial

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The Aisquith Deaconesses
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George & Ruth Ellen Beerli
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John & Christine Clark
John & Christine Clark
Demetrius Daniels
Debbie & Gus DeFord
Debbie & Gus DeFord
George & Fran Oswinkle
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The Wickham Family
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In honor of a special daughter of Christ, Judi Mason
In honor of a special daughter of Christ, Maisie Manning
In honor of a special daughter of Christ, Lois Owen
Giving thanks for Norm & Betty Jo Norris
Giving thanks for Barb Jacob
Giving thanks for Steve & Evelyn King
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gronenthal
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Gebhard Beerli
In memory of Mrs. Jeannette Faulkingham
In memory of John's mother, Barbara Clark
In memory of Christine's father, Ralph Clark, III
In memory of her father, Robert L. Little
In memory of Gus' parents and siblings
In memory of Debbie's parents & Brother, Butch
In memory of John & Anna Oswinkle
In memory of Andrew & Frances Zebrowski
In memory of Joseph Zebrowski
In memory of George M. Wienecke, USN
In memory of Joseph
In memory of Joseph

Sermon Notes

Date: April 5, 2026
Text: Isaiah 53:9-12
Sermon Title: "The Servant Rises"
Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Jesus' Resurrection is for our salvation.

Main Point 1: The Servant was Buried. (v. 9)

Point 1: Rich man.

Point 2: Redeems our graves.

Main Point 2: The Servant was Risen. (v. 10)

Point 1: He shall see His offspring.

Point 2: He shall prolong His days.

Main Point 3: The Servant's Work.

Point 1: The Resurrection proves God's approval of Christ's atoning work on our behalf. (v. 11)

Point 2: Makes Intercession. (v. 12)