

The Lord's Day

January 9, 2022 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...

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matthew 11:28-30

Prelude

Divinum Mysterium

12th Century Tune

Dr. Kenneth Dean, Director of Music Ministries

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 27:1,4,13-14

⁵ For God alone, O [people of God], wait in silence, for [our] hope is from him. ⁶ He only is [our] rock and [our] salvation, [our] fortress; [We] shall not be shaken. ⁷ On God rests [our] salvation and [our] glory; [our] mighty rock, [our] refuge is God. ⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Invocation

Hymn No. 188

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

Tranquility

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart,
Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, as thy beauty fills my soul,
For by thy transforming power, thou hast made me whole.

**Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.**

O how great thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!
O how marvelous thy goodness lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is thine,
Know thy certainty of promise and have made it mine.

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus, I behold thee as thou art,
And thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its ev'ry need,
Compasseth me round with blessings: thine is love indeed.

Ever lift thy face upon me as I work and wait for thee;
Resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with thy grace.

We embrace Christ our Savior

Corporate Confession of Sin (**unison**)

based on Ephesians 2:1-3

O Lord our God, we were conceived in sin and, therefore, we were dead in the trespasses and sins in which we once walked, and with which we still daily struggle. We followed the course of this world, and sometimes we still do. We followed the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the children of this world. Holy Father, we continue to struggle with the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and we are, therefore, in our very nature, children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Silent Confession before The Lord

Assurance of Pardon (**responsive**)

Romans 5:6-11

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 84, Shorter Catechism, Q. 37

Q. Shall all men die?

Death being threatened as the wages of sin, it is appointed unto all men once to die; for all have sinned.

Q. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being united to Christ, do rest in their graves, till the resurrection.

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 your 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.

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

RE Tim Bracken

We respond in gratitude for God’s blessing

The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731) and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover The Earth

G.F. Handel
Bass: Jeff Soule

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Revelation 14:9-13

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷ And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

⁸ Another angel, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.”

⁹ And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he also will drink the wine of God’s wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.”

¹² Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

¹³ And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!”

Sermon

“I Need Some Rest”

Pastor Ceselsky

We respond to God’s grace

Hymn No. 565

All for Jesus!

Wycliff

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being’s ransomed pow’ers,
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform his bidding, let my feet run in his ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth his praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I’ve lost sight of all beside;

So enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

O what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call me his beloved, lets me rest beneath his wings.

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

Danish

Postlude

Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation

Henry Purcell

Announcements

We will be beginning a TEXT Emergency blast system. If you would like to sign up, there is a sheet on the tables in the back of the church. You can also let Pastor Ceselsky know directly. This system will only be used for the most urgent or messages: immediate prayer needs and last-minute schedule changes. We will continue to use the current email blast system for prayer requests and worship information.

The women's Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, January 12 at 10:30 a.m. here at the church. The last lesson of 1 Samuel will be covered before starting 2 Samuel the following week. The men's Bible Study will also resume at the same time.

The Bell Choir will begin meeting on Wednesday, January 12 at 6 PM here at the church. New members are welcome. If you have any questions, please speak to Debbie DeFord or Dr. Dean.

Please Join Us in celebrating Pastor Bell's retirement at an Open House NEXT Saturday, January 15, 2022 from 1 PM to 6 PM. This celebration will take place at their new home – 2220 Benson Mill Road, Sparks, MD 21152. If you need transportation please contact Pastor Ceselsky and we will help you line up a ride.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 6, 2022. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the annual reports, and vote on officer candidates. Mr. Mark Werner, has been nominated, examined and approved by the Session to stand for election to the office of Ruling Elder.

Annual Reports are due by January 15 for all of those who are tasked with providing one.

When bad weather occurs on a Sunday morning, here is our notification plan. A decision will be made on how best to proceed shortly after 7:30 AM and we will notify the congregation by 8 AM in the following ways: emergency text blast (see above), email blast, the banner on the church's website (www.aisquith.org), and the message on the answering machine. You can also text or call Pastor Ceselsky (410-340-4923). Please check before venturing out.

We are still collecting used inkjet cartridges. There is a box in the kitchen labeled for the donations.

Prayer Requests

1. Continue to be in prayer for Judi Mason as she recovers from surgery and illness.
2. Continue to be in prayer for Sylvia Barfield, as well as the Beerli family as they mourn the loss of Sylvia's husband, Darl.

3. Please be in prayer for the Bell family as they work on completing all the work for their new home, move and settle into retirement.
4. Please be in prayer for Maise Manning's daughter as she is once again in the hospital with issues related to her blood sugar levels and her feet.
5. Please be in prayer for the many members, family members and friends of the Aisquith Community who currently struggling with various illnesses.
6. Please keep our pulpit committee in prayer as they do their work. Members of the committee are Mrs. Angela Andrade, RE Tim Bracken, RE John Cicone (chairman), Mrs. Anna Graham, Mrs. Eileen Ley, RE Jeff Soule, Deacon Mark Werner, and Deaconess Jeanne Williams.

Church Officers

Ruling Elders: Tim Bracken, John Cicone (Clerk), & Jeff Soule

Deacons: Andrew Bell, Gus DeFord, Ken Schumann, & Mark Werner (President)

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

Sermon Notes

Date: January 9, 2022

Text: Revelation 14:9-13

Sermon Title: "I Need Some Rest"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Jesus Promises His People Complete Rest.

Main Point 1: There is NO REST in Baylon.

Point 1: Those who worship the Beast and receive his mark.

Point 2: As he has drunk, so he will drink.

Point 3: Great Torment.

Main Point 2: There ETERNAL REST in Heaven.

Point 1: Those who Persevere.

Point 2: Blessed as we "die in the Lord."