



**He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.**

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

**You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

**And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.**

Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

**And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.**

\*Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 79

May not true believers, by reason of their imperfections, and the many temptations and sins they are overtaken with, fall away from the state of grace?

**True believers, by reason of the unchangeable love of God, and his decree and covenant to give them perseverance, their inseparable union with Christ, his continual intercession for them, and the Spirit and seed of God abiding in them, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.**

\*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."

Testimonial

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

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

**We respond in gratitude for God's blessing**

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

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory                      *On the Wings of Song*                      Felix Mendelssohn

**We hear God Speak**

Text                                      Revelation 3:7-13                                      (*Pew Bible*, pg. 868)

To the Church in Philadelphia

7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

8 "I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. 9 Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. 10 Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. 11 I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. 12 The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. 13 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Sermon                                      "The Kept Church"                                      Pastor Ceselsky

**We respond to God's Grace**

\*Hymn No. 30                      *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*                                      St. Anne

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,  
Are carried downward by your flood, and lost in foll'wing years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

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

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Postlude *Hope For God's People* Patti Drennan

\*Those who are able please stand.

**We welcome and thank** Mrs. Sue Todhunter for blessing us through her playing the piano this morning.

**Impact Team Reports** can be found in the narthex and on the church's website.

**Why not take a few minutes this week** and call one of our shut-ins, or someone you haven't seen in a while. Tell them we miss them and are praying for them. They'll appreciate it and Jesus will smile!

**Impact is still collecting empty inkjet cartridges** to raise funds for future mission's trips. There is a box on the steel racks in the kitchen where you can drop them off. We need you cartridges!

**If you would like to give a special gift** for our music ministry you can do so by using a pink pew envelope and marking it "Tiemann Music Fund." Your gifts make it possible for us to bring in a variety of musicians to enhance our worship service.

### THIS WEEK AT AISQUITTH

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>6:30-8:30 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Youth Group Ocean City Trip</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>WIC Book Club (rm. 11)</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>6:30-8:30 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>

COMING SOON

**September 9, Mission Lunch with The Rarigs**  
**September 16, Impact Pot-Luck Dinner**

**Rev. Robert E. Bell, Pastor**

**Manse: 410-444-5111**

**Rev. John Ceselsky, Assistant Pastor**  
**Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music**

**Home: 410-836-6655**  
**Mobile: 443-467-0146**