

# *The Lord's Day*

May 22, 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...*

*<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.* Ephesians 2:8-9

Prelude

Mr. Stephen Holmes

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

## **We praise our great God**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Psalm 86:1-7

- <sup>1</sup> Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.  
<sup>2</sup> Preserve my life, for I am godly;  
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.  
<sup>3</sup> Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all the day.  
<sup>4</sup> Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.  
<sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.  
<sup>6</sup> Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
listen to my plea for grace.  
<sup>7</sup> In the day of my trouble I call upon you,  
for you answer me.

Hymn

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Townend

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders

Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life;  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything;  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Invocation

**We embrace Christ our Savior**

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalm 42-43

<sup>42:1</sup> As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

**<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

When shall I come and appear before God?

**<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"**

<sup>4</sup> These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

**<sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?**

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation <sup>6</sup> and my God.

**My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.**

<sup>7</sup> Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me.

**<sup>8</sup> By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.**

<sup>9</sup> I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me?"

**Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"**

<sup>10</sup> As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

**<sup>11</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?**

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

**<sup>43:1</sup> Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**

<sup>2</sup> For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me?

**Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?**

<sup>3</sup> Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

**<sup>4</sup> Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.**

**<sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.**

Confessional of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 20

Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

**God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.**

The Silent Confession of God's People

Assurance of Our Standing in Christ

Romans 8:28-30

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Hymn No. 500

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

New City Fellowship

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

### **We acknowledge God's blessings**

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

### **We hear God speak**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 22:1-2

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,

and by night, but I find no rest.

Sermon

“Why Me Lord?”

Pastor Ceselsky

**We respond to God’s grace**

Hymn No. 108

*Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right*

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Whate’er my God ordains is right: his holy will abideth;  
I will be still whate’er he doth, and follow where he guideth.  
He is my God; though dark my road, he holds me that I shall not fall:  
Wherefore to him I leave my all.

Whate’er my God ordains is right: he never will deceive me;  
He leads me by the proper path; I know he will not leave me.  
I take, content, what he hath send; his hand can turn my griefs away,  
And patiently I wait his day.

Whate’er my God ordains is right: though now this cup, in drinking,  
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking.  
My God is true; each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,  
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate’er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand by taken;  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.  
My Father’s care is round me there; he holds me that I shall not fall:  
And so to him I leave it all.

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

Danish

Postlude

Mr. Stephen Holmes

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**Announcements**

**We thank Stephen Holmes** for playing the organ for our worship service this week.

**The baby shower** for Sarah Walters (Soule) has been postponed – we will give you more information on the rescheduled event as soon as possible.

**Chuy & Amy Acosta are coming!** Please join us for a dinner and report on the work of The Little Ranch of Hope Orphanage in Camichines, Mexico on Thursday at 6 p.m. Please rsvp to Pastor Ceselsky no later than Tuesday.

**We will be supporting the Helping Up Mission’s Hope Tote Campaign** through donations of toiletries. We have lists of items that they are looking for in the narthex, as well as two boxes for donations – one for men and one for women. The deadline for donations is NEXT Sunday.

**We will be holding a COOKOUT** (hamburgers and hot dogs) following the worship service on Sunday, June 5. All are invited to participate.

**The Summer Book Club** will meet again this year, reading Dr. Dane Ortlund's book "Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers." Dr. Ortlund is a PCA pastor serving in Illinois. Rev. Stuart & Sandy Jones will be leading the study. This is open to ALL and will be held from June 7 – August 16 (excluding July 5) on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM here at the church. Everyone who wishes to attend will receive a free book and study guide. There is a schedule on the tables in the narthex.

**Classical Guitarist Andrew Oswinkle** will be performing holding a fundraiser at Aisquith on Sunday, June 12 at 4 p.m. Come help Andrew raise funds to attend the Brevard Summer Institute.

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

### Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for the many members, family members and friends of the Aisquith Community who currently struggling with COVID, other various illnesses and other physical and emotional issues.
2. Please continue be in prayer for Sarah Walters (Soule) and her husband Matthew as they await the birth of their first child in August.

### Church Officers

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

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

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

### Sermon Notes

Date: May 15, 2022

Text: Psalm 22:1-2

Sermon Title: "Why Me Lord?"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Propositional Question: Why Me Lord?

Main Point 1: The Battle's Preparation

Point 1: I am a Sinner.

Point 2: Why NOT Me?

Main Point 2: Why Jesus?

Point 1: Jesus is the Only Righteous One.

Point 2: For this very Purpose Jesus Came.

Main Point 3: Why Me?

Point 1: God's Eternal Election

Point 2: God's Grace

Point 3: God's Glory