

The Lord's Day

January 16, 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...

But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. Matthew 24:36

Prelude *When He Cometh (Jewels)* George Root
Dr. Kenneth Dean, Director of Music Ministries

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship Psalm 84:1,2,4

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! ² My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. ... ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

Invocation

Hymn No. 30 (1-4,7) *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.

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

We embrace Christ our Savior

Corporate Confession of Sin (**unison**)

based on Isaiah 59:2-13

Our iniquities have made a separation between us and our God, and our sins have hidden his face from us so that he does not hear. For our hands are defiled with blood and our fingers with iniquity; our lips have spoken lies; our tongue mutters wickedness. Our works are works of iniquity, and deeds of violence are in our hands. Our feet run to evil, and they are swift to shed innocent blood; our thoughts are thoughts of iniquity. The way of peace we do not know, and there is no justice in our paths; we have made our roads crooked; no one who treads on them knows peace.

Therefore, justice is far from us, and righteousness does not overtake us; we hope for light, and behold, darkness, and for brightness, but we walk in gloom. We grope for the wall like the blind; we grope like those who have no eyes; we stumble at noon as in the twilight, among those in full vigor we are like dead men.

For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities: transgressing, and denying the Lord, and turning back from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words.

Silent Confession before The Lord

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 40:10-11

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Westminster Confession of Faith 33.3

As Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded that there shall be a day of judgment, both to deter all men from sin, and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity: so will He have that day unknown to men, that they may shake off all carnal security, and be always watchful, because they know not at what hour the Lord will come; and may be ever prepared to say, Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

Hymn No. 324

Christ Is Coming!

Neander

Christ is coming! Let creation from her groans and travail cease;
Let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, thou blessed Prince of Peace.

Earth can now but tell the story of thy bitter cross and pain;
She shall yet behold thy glory, when thou comest back to reign:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the strain.

Long thine exiles have been pining, far from rest, and home, and thee:
But, in heav'nly vestures shining, they their loving Lord shall see:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Haste the joyous jubilee.

With that blessed hope before us, let no harp remain unstrung;
Let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue:
"Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!"

We acknowledge God's blessings

Missions Report and Prayer

Larry & Sandy Rockwell: Peru

Gwen Cicone

The Gloria Patri (*Hymnal*, pg. 734)

Gloria Patri

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

O Store Gud (How Great Thou Art)

Stuart Hine

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Revelation 14:14-20

¹⁴ Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. ¹⁵ And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe." ¹⁶ So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.

¹⁷ Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. ¹⁸ And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, "Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe." ¹⁹ So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. ²⁰ And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for 1,600 stadia.

Sermon

"Harvest Time"

Pastor Ceselsky

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 715

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George's Windsor

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown:
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

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

Danish

Announcements

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 6, 2022 following the worship service. 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.

We are 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 of 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.

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. 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.
3. Please be in prayer for Buckey Pearre as he recovers from a back injury.
4. Please be in prayer for the many members, family members and friends of the Aisquith Community who currently struggling with various illnesses.
5. 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, and Deacon Mark Werner.
6. Please be in prayer for the faithful witness and biblical fidelity of the church of Christ in Canada. The Canadian Parliament recently passed a law which is hostile to the teaching of the Scriptures regarding human sexuality. Additionally, the law is threatening to those who would remain biblically faithful.

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 16, 2022

Text: Revelation 14:14-20

Sermon Title: "Harvest Time"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The Time for the Harvest of the Earth has come.

Main Point 1: When will the harvest occur?

Point 1: The "hour"

Point 2: The command from the Father

Main Point 2: There Harvest of the Righteous.

Point 1: Christ the Reaper

Point 2: Gathered to Christ

Point 3: Reaped because of his sacrifice for us.

Main Point 3: The Harvest of the UnRighteous.

Point 1: Reaped by an angel

Point 2: Gathered into the winepress of God's wrath.

Point 3: Outside of the city.