

The Lord's Day

February 27, 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...

Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Psalm 19:13

Prelude *O Jesulein Suss* J.S. Bach
Dr. Kenneth Dean, Director of Music Ministries

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship Psalm 18:31,32,35a

³¹ For who is God, but the Lord?
And who is a rock, except our God?—
³² the God who equipped me with strength
and made my way blameless.
³⁵ You have given me the shield of your salvation.

Invocation

Hymn No. 465 *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord* Moody

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

***Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all my sin.***

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.

We embrace Christ our Savior

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith XI.5

¹ Our first parents, being seduced by the subtlety and temptations of Satan, sinned in eating the forbidden fruit. This their sin God was pleased, according to His wise and holy counsel, to permit, having purposed to order it to His own glory. ² By this sin they fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and so became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the faculties and parts of soul and body. ³ They being the root of mankind, the guilt of this sin was imputed, and the same death in sin and corrupted nature conveyed to all their posterity, descending from them by original generation.

Corporate Confession of Sin

based upon Jude 14-16

“Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”
Most gracious Heavenly Father, we, like these, are grumblers and complainers; we too follow our own sinful desires; we are guilty of being loud-mouthed boasters, and we often show favoritism when it is to our advantage.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 3:21-23

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven.

Hymn No. 253

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel’s veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E’er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die;
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song I’ll sing your pow’r to save,
When this poor lisping, stamm’ring tongue lies silent in the grave:
Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;

When this poor lipping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave:

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

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

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

Offertory

Meditation on: Jesus Is All The World To Me

Thompson

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:14-16

Pew Bible pg. 977

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

Sermon

“Purpose in the midst of Perversity”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

Hymn

Before the Throne

Sovereign Grace

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart (2X).

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of my guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me (2X).

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of Glory and of Grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God (2X)

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

Danish

Postlude

Trusting Jesus

Sankey

Announcements

TODAY We welcome our Pastor Emeritus, Pastor Bell, as he preaches God's Word!

We have new ESV Pew Bibles. If you helped us by donating one of the old NIV Pew Bibles, they are located on the Funeral Home side of the narthex on the table and labeled by name. There are also others on the Harford House side of the narthex – these are free to a good home. If you donated a Bible but do not want to keep it, we can move it to the other side for others to take. Whatever remains in the narthex after a couple of weeks will be donated to the Rafiki Foundation, or another ministry.

Dr. Dean will be featured at St. Anne's Church (15 E. Green Street, Middletown, DE) "Celebration of Black History Month Concert" TODAY at 4 PM. Everyone is welcome!

We will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on NEXT Sunday at 9 AM. Please join us to share in fellowship over a meal, and to prepare for the Lord's Supper that day during worship.

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. Please continue to be in prayer for Sarah Walters (Soule) and her husband Matthew as they await the birth of their first child in August.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Jean Evans as she recovers from surgery and rehabs her broken wrist.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Buckey Pearre as he recovers from a back injury.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Beryl Wickham as she is in Israel for a 3-month study abroad program with her school. Please pray for safety while there and that the Lord will use this time greatly in Beryl's education and life.

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, and Deacon Mark Werner.

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: February 27, 2022

Text: Philippians 2:14-16

Sermon Title: "Purpose in the midst of Perversity"

Delivered By: Pastor Robert Bell

Proposition: The Christian's life must display our new nature.

Main Point 1: We must have a Peaceful Character

Point 1: No Complaining

Point 2: No Questioning

Main Point 2: We must have a Persuasive Conduct

Point 1: Blameless

Point 2: Innocent.