

Lord's Day

April 3, 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...

Believers have been tried and executed in the world's courts, but it is the world that is really on trial.

Craig Keener

Prelude

Softly and Tenderly

Will Thompson

Dr. Kenneth Dean, Director of Music Ministries

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalms 96:10-13

¹⁰ The Lord reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.
¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
¹² let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
¹³ before the Lord, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Invocation

Hymn No. 310

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Darwall

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalm 94

¹ O Lord, God of vengeance, O God of vengeance, shine forth!
² **Rise up, O judge of the earth; repay to the proud what they deserve!**
³ O Lord, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked exult?
⁴ **They pour out their arrogant words; all the evildoers boast.**
⁵ They crush your people, O Lord, and afflict your heritage.
⁶ **They kill the widow and the sojourner, and murder the fatherless;**
⁷ and they say, "The Lord does not see; the God of Jacob does not perceive."
⁸ **Understand, O dullest of the people! Fools, when will you be wise?**
⁹ He who planted the ear, does he not hear? He who formed the eye, does he not see?
¹⁰ **He who disciplines the nations, does he not rebuke? He who teaches man knowledge—**
¹¹ the Lord—knows the thoughts of man, that they are but a breath.
¹² **Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O Lord, and whom you teach out of your law,**
¹³ to give him rest from days of trouble, until a pit is dug for the wicked.
¹⁴ **For the Lord will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage;**
¹⁵ for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.
¹⁶ **Who rises up for me against the wicked? Who stands up for me against evildoers?**
¹⁷ If the Lord had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence.
¹⁸ **When I thought, "My foot slips," your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up.**
¹⁹ When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.
²⁰ **Can wicked rulers be allied with you, those who frame injustice by statute?**
²¹ They band together against the life of the righteous and condemn the innocent to death.
²² **But the Lord has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge.**
²³ He will bring back on them their iniquity and wipe them out for their wickedness;
the Lord our God will wipe them out.

Silent Plea for God's Mercy

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3:3-7

³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Confessional of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith XXXIII.2

The end of God's appointing this day, is for the manifestation of the glory of His mercy in the eternal salvation of the elect; and of His justice in the damnation of the reprobate, who are wicked and disobedient. For then shall the righteous go into everlasting life, and receive that

fullness of joy and refreshing which shall come from the presence of the Lord: but the wicked, who know not God, and obey not the gospel of Jesus Christ, shall be cast into eternal torments, and punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power.

Hymn No. 48

O Lord Most High, with All My Heart

Rockingham Old

O Lord Most High, with all my heart your wondrous works I will proclaim;
I will be glad and give you thanks and sing the praises of your name.

The Lord, the everlasting King, is seated on his judgment throne;
The righteous Judge of all the world will make his perfect justice known.

Jehovah will a refuge prove, a refuge strong for all oppressed,
A safe retreat, where weary souls in troubled times may surely rest.

All they, O Lord, that know your name their confidence in you will place,
For you have ne'er forsaken them who earnestly have sought your face.

Sing praises to the Lord Most High, to him who does in Zion dwell;
Declare his mighty deeds abroad, his deeds among the nations tell.

We acknowledge God's blessings

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

RE Mark Werner

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

Offertory

Under His Wings

Ira Sankey

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

We hear God speak in Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

Revelation 18:9-20

Pew Bible pg. 1038

⁹ And the kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning. ¹⁰ They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say,

“Alas! Alas! You great city,
you mighty city, Babylon!

For in a single hour your judgment has come.”

¹¹ And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore, ¹² cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all kinds of

scented wood, all kinds of articles of ivory, all kinds of articles of costly wood, bronze, iron and marble,
¹³ cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and slaves, that is, human souls.

¹⁴ “The fruit for which your soul longed
has gone from you,
and all your delicacies and your splendors
are lost to you,
never to be found again!”

¹⁵ The merchants of these wares, who gained wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning aloud,

¹⁶ “Alas, alas, for the great city
that was clothed in fine linen,
in purple and scarlet,
adorned with gold,
with jewels, and with pearls!

¹⁷ For in a single hour all this wealth has been laid waste.”

And all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off

¹⁸ and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning,

“What city was like the great city?”

¹⁹ And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and mourned, crying out,

“Alas, alas, for the great city
where all who had ships at sea
grew rich by her wealth!

For in a single hour she has been laid waste.

²⁰ Rejoice over her, O heaven,
and you saints and apostles and prophets,
for God has given judgment for you against her!”

Sermon

“Rejoicing in Judgment”

Pastor Ceselsky

Celebration of The Lord’s Supper

We respond to God’s grace

Hymn No. 486

God, Be Merciful to Me

Redhead

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
Let me contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound-less grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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

Danish

Postlude

on the Marion Tune (Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart!)

Messiter

Announcements

We will be hosting a fellowship lunch following the worship service on TODAY. A taco lunch will be provided at no cost, though we will accept any free-will offerings. During the lunch, John & Gwen Cicone will be providing an update regarding their call to serve the Lord with the Rafiki Foundation in Africa.

There will be no Sunday School on April 10 or April 17.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be held again this year in conjunction with Loch Raven Presbyterian Church. The Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7 PM at Loch Raven on April 14 with Aisquith hosting the Good Friday service at 7 PM on April 15.

Our Easter Offering will go again this year to the PCA's Compassion Ministries. The funds raised go to help those in great need all around the world. To give to this offering you must use your Easter envelope or one of the pink envelopes in the pews and label them "Easter Offering."

Tulips for Easter are available for purchase. You can sign up via the binder in the narthex or by emailing Pastor Ceselsky (pastorjohnceselsky@gmail.com). The cost is \$9 per plant and the deadline to sign up is TODAY.

Pastor Ceselsky's Installation Service is scheduled for 4 PM on Sunday, May 15. All are encouraged to be present.

We will be hosting a baby shower for Sarah Walters (Soule) on Sunday, May 22 following the worship service. Sarah and Matt will be welcoming their son in August of this year. Sarah's registry can be found by going to this website: www.babylist.com/baby-reg-sarah-walters **All women are invited!** Please RSVP to Julie Ceselsky.

Free Covid Tests (set of 2 per pack) have generously been donated to any Aisquith members by Ed Walters (Candy Short's son-in-law and manager of the Lorein in Abingdon). They are free to anyone but please note the expiration date.

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 Sunday, May 29.

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 Ken Wilson. Ken has been moved permanently to the memory care unit at the Quarryville home to deal with his everyday physical needs. Please pray as well for Wanda as she deals with this life change.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Judi Mason. Judi had a second surgery to deal with her lung cancer this past Thursday. Please pray that the doctors were be able to safely remove all of the cancer cells and that Judi will return to full health and strength quickly.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for the church in the Ukraine – that they may be bold in proclamation of the gospel in this trying time. Currently, Dal & Beth Stanton are serving with MTW’s Crisis Response Team in Krakow, Poland. They are seeking to raise \$4,000,000 to care for those in need.
4. Please continue be in prayer for Sarah Walters (Soule) and her husband Matthew as they await the birth of their first child in August.
5. Please continue to be in prayer for Beryl Wickham as she is in Israel for a 3-month study abroad program with her school. UPDATE – Beryl has been dealing with some illness as well as the challenge of taking graduate level courses and the recent terrorist attacks in Israel.
6. Please be in prayer for the many members, family members and friends of the Aisquith Community who currently struggling with various illnesses and other physical and emotional issues.

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: April 3, 2022

Text: Revelation 18:9-20

Sermon Title: “Rejoicing in Judgment”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Fallenness Requires Judgment.

Main Point 1: The Reality of God’s Judgment

Point 1: Certain

Point 2: Swift

Point 3: Just

Point 4: Eternal

Main Point 2: The World's Lament Over Judgment

Point 1: Woe!

Point 2: Lament Over Loss

Main Point 3: The Church's Call to Rejoice

Point 1: God's Righteous Retribution

Point 2: Thankful that Fallenness is Judged