

Easter Sunday

April 17, 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...

How can a man see all men dying and note that all the children of men before him have died without exception and still say: God cannot let that happen to me! It appears like sheer being carried away into rhapsody of bold assertions. But still, in the last analysis, must not faith draw the conclusion that, if you hold to God, God will take care of you perfectly.

H.C. Leupold

Prelude for Brass and Organ *Crown Him With Many Crowns (Diademata)*

Sir George Elvey
arr. James Green

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

I am He that lives, and was dead, says the Lord; and behold, I am alive forevermore.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Invocation

Hymn No. 277

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

“Christ the Lords is ris’n today,” Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has lead, Alleluia!

Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

We embrace Christ our Savior

Confession of Our Need of Christ (Responsive)

Colossians 1:13-23

¹³ [God the Father] has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

¹⁴ **in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

¹⁶ **For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**

all things were created through him and for him.

¹⁷ **And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

²⁰ **and through him to reconcile to himself all things,**

whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹ **And [we], 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 [we] continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that [we] heard,**

which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven.

Individual Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness and Resurrection

Romans 6:1-11

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Special Music

Alleluia (Exsultate, Jubilate)

W.A. Mozart
Ms. Anita Taylor, soprano

Confessional of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
By whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation
Came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
And was made man;
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
Who spoke by the prophets;
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn No. 274

Thine Be the Glory

Maccabaeus

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes, where thy body lay.

***Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.***

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, tho' thy deathless love;

Bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.

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

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Ode to Joy

Beethoven
Aisquith Handbell Choir

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

Scripture Reading

Psalm 16

Pew Bible pg. 453

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. ² I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. ⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸ I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Sermon

"You Will NOT Abandon My Soul"

Pastor Ceselsky

We respond to God's grace

Hymn

In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,

Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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

Danish

Postlude for Brass and Organ

All Hail The Power (Diadem)

arr. James Green

Announcements

Please remain seated until the postlude has been completed.

We welcome and thank those who participated in our worship service this morning:

Ms. Anita Taylor, soprano

Brass Ensemble: Mr. James Green: Arrangement, Oboe

Mr. Richard Millburn: Trombone

Mr. Marcus Neal: Bass Trombone

Mr. Darrent Polk: Trombone

Mr. Kennis Rolle: Trumpet

Mr. Ronald Rolling: Trumpet, French Horn

Mr. David Russell: Trumpet

Thank you to all who donated tulips – you may pick them up after the service.

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."

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.

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 10:30 AM here at the church. Everyone who wishes to attend will receive a free book and study guide.

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 continue 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 Beryl Wickham as she is in Israel for a 3-month study abroad program with her school.
3. 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.

Tulips for Easter 2022

From

*Noe & Angela Andrade
Sylvia Barfield
Sylvia Barfield
George & Ruth Ellen Beerli
George & Ruth Ellen Beerli
The Bell Family
The Bell Family*

Memorial

*In Memory of Giovanni & Adrian Andrade and Carlos Prieto
In Memory of Darl Barfield
In Memory of Ida & James Barfield
In Memory of Rosa & Gebhard Beerli
In Memory of Charles & Jeannette Gronenthal
To the Glory of God
To the Glory of God*

John & Christine Clark
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Gus & Debbie DeFord
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Anna Graham
Judy Harding
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Judy Harding
Roger & Mary Ann Kauffman I
Bryan & Lorna Lee
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George & Fran Oswinkle
John Schaller
The Wickham Family
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In Memory of John's Father
In Memory of Our Grandparents
In Memory of Loved Ones
In Honor of their Children & Grandchildren
In Memory of Pastor Tom Graham
In Memory of her Son, Jonathan Reid Harding
In Memory of her Mother, Cornelia Harrell Tarr
In Memory of her Father, Wilmot Theodore Tarr
In Memory of her friend and Holocaust survivor, Albert Lapidus
In Memory of Mom
In Memory of Leslie & Roslyn Lee
In Memory of Eliza & Andrew Serrio
In Memory of Betty Thompson
In Honor of Trevor Serrio & Family
In Loving Memory of parents, John & Anna Oswinkle
In Loving Memory of parents, Andy & Frances Zebrowski
In Memory of George M. Wienecke, AMM2, USNR (WWII)
In Memory of Charles B. Boynton, Jr. HM#, USN (Vietnam)
In Honor of all those who have served
In Loving Memory of Sandy
In Memory of Joseph
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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 17, 2022

Text: Psalm 16

Sermon Title: "You Will NOT Abandon My Soul"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: God will never abandon His people.

Main Point 1: The Lord's relationship with His people.

Point 1: Relationship with the Lord.

Point 2: Relationship with other believers.

Main Point 2: The Lord's providential care for His people.

Point 1: The Lord is with us.

Point 2: The Lord directs us.

Point 3: The Lord upholds us.

Point 4: The Lord provides for us.

Main Point 3: The Lord gives eternal life to His people.

Point 1: We will all die and see decay.

Point 2: The path of life has been made known to us.

Point 3: We experience eternal joy.