

The Lord's Day

May 29, 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...

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

Ephesians 6:10-18a

Prelude

My Faith Looks Up To Thee (Olivet Tune)

Lowell Mason

Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr., Director of Music Ministries

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Psalm 24:7-10

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ **Who is this King of glory?**

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

⁹ **Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Invocation

Hymn No. 572

Onward, Christian Soldiers

St. Gertrude

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before:
Christ the royal Master leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, see, his banners go.

*Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.*

At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee;
On then, Christian soldiers, on to victory:
Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise.

Like a mighty army moves the church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;
We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
But the church of Jesus constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never 'gainst the church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, and that can not fail.

Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song;
Glory, laud and honor unto Christ the King;
This through countless ages men and angels sing.

We embrace Christ our Savior

The Silent Confession of God's People

Assurance of Our Standing in Christ

Romans 8:33-39

³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."
³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn No. 5 (HMR)

Hallelujah!

Perseverance

What can separate my soul from the God who made me whole,
Wrote my name in heaven's scroll? Nothing. Hallelujah!

Trouble, hardship, danger, sword brought by those who hate my Lord?
Slander here? Or no reward? Nothing. Hallelujah!

Angels, demons, now or then? Wickedness dreamed up by men?
Persecutions come again? Nothing. Hallelujah!

Victors we're ordained to be by the God who set us free;
What can therefore conquer me? Nothing. Hallelujah!

We face death for God each day; what can pluck us from his way?
Let God's people ever say, "Nothing." Hallelujah!

We acknowledge God's blessings

Missions Report

Center for Pregnancy Concerns

Mrs. Paula Caponiti

Hymn History

Mrs. Candace Short

Hymn No. 689

Be Still My Soul

Finlandia

Be still my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief and pain; leave to you
God to order and provide; in every change he
Faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly
Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my: your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past. Your hope, your
Confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious
Shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
Know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears, then shall you
Better know his love, his heart, who comes to soothe your
sorrow and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Jesus can re-
pay from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord, when disap-
pointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's
Purest joys restored. Be still my soul: when change and tears are
Past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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

RE Jeff Soule

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Meditation on: We Shall Behold Him

arr. Nolan Wilson

The sky shall unfold, preparing His entrance; The stars shall applaud Him with thunders of praise. The sweet light in His eyes, His eyes shall enhance those awaiting; And we shall behold Him then face to face. **And we shall behold Him, We shall behold Him Face to face in all of His glory. O we shall behold Him, Yes, we shall behold Him Face to face, our Savior and Lord.** The angel shall sound the shout of His coming; The sleeping rise from their slumbering place, And those who remain, remain shall be changed in a moment; And we shall behold Him then face to face.

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

Revelation 19:17-21

Pew Bible pg. 1040

¹⁷ Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, ¹⁸ to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great." ¹⁹ And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. ²⁰ And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. ²¹ And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

Sermon

"The War to End All Wars"

Pastor Ceselsky

We respond to God's grace

Hymn

O Church Arise

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O church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,

This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

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

Danish

Postlude

To God Be The Glory!

William Doane, arr. K. Dean

Announcements

We welcome and Thank Mrs. Paula Caponiti, Director of Development for the Center for Pregnancy Concerns, who will be giving us a brief update this morning. Additionally, we will be participating in the CPC's Baby Bottle Campaign (bottles are in the narthex). We will be collecting through the end of the summer!

On this Memorial Day Weekend we give thanks to all of those who paid the ultimate price for the freedoms that we enjoy!

We will be hosting a baby shower for Sarah Walters (Soule) – The updated date for the shower is Sunday, July 24 following the Worship Service. If you have rsvp'ed that you would be coming but can not make the new date, or now are able to come; please let Julie Ceselsky know.

We are 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 TODAY.

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 work of the church of Christ in Uvalde, TX as they seek bring healing to the community through the Gospel.
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.
3. Please be in prayer for the many members, family members and friends of the Aisquith Community who currently struggling with Covid, various other 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: May 29, 2022

Text: Revelation 19:17-21

Sermon Title: "The War To End All Wars"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The Battle, and its outcome, belong to the Lord.

Main Point 1: The Battle's Preparation

Point 1: The call to the birds of prey. (vss. 17-18)

Point 2: The gathered armies. (vs. 19)

Main Point 2: The Battle's Action

Point 1: The Beasts are captured. (vs. 20)

Point 2: The army of the Beast is slain by the sword from Christ's mouth. (vs. 21)

Main Point 3: The Battle's Result

Point 1: The captured beasts are thrown alive into Hell. (vs 20)

Point 2: The dead feasted upon as they await their final judgment. (vs. 21)