

# *The Lord's Day*

July 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...***

*Only God can make new. People may vainly imagine that by means of better education, a better environment, better legislation, and a more equitable distribution of wealth they are going to usher in a new era, a golden age, the Utopia of man's ardent desire. Their dream remains a dream! Neither economic nor disarmament conferences, neither better schools nor share-the-wealth programs are going to bring about a really golden age, a new heaven and earth or a new order. It is only God who through His Spirit makes all things new. He does it now, though in a very restricted sense. He is going to do it by and by when Christ returns.*

William Hendriksen

Prelude

*For You, I Am Praying*

Ira Sankey

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

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

## **We praise our great God**

Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1-3a

<sup>1</sup> "Come, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and he who has no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;

hear, that your soul may live.

Invocation

Hymn No 7 (HMR)

*Come To The Waters*

Water of Life

Come to the waters, whoever is thirsty;

Drink from the Fountain that never runs dry.

Jesus, the Living One, offers you mercy,

Life more abundant in boundless supply.

Come to the River that flows through the city,

Forth from the throne of the Father and Son.  
Jesus the Savior says, "Come and drink deeply,"  
Drink from the pure, inexhaustible One.

Come to the Fountain without any money;  
Buy what is given without any cost.  
Jesus the gracious One, welcomes the weary;  
Jesus the selfless One, died for the lost.

Come to the Well of unmerited favor;  
Stretch out your hand, fill your cup to the brim.  
Jesus is such a compassionate Savior.  
Draw from the grace that flows freely from him.

Come to the Savior, the God of Salvation.  
God has provided an end to sin's strife.  
Why will you suffer the Law's condemnation?  
Take the free gift of the water of life.

### We embrace Christ our Savior

God's Revelation of Himself (Responsive)

Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.  
<sup>2</sup> **Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.**  
<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.  
<sup>4</sup> **Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**  
In them he has set a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
**and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**  
<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,  
**and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**  
<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
**the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;**  
<sup>8</sup> the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;  
**the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;**  
<sup>9</sup> the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;  
**the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.**  
<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
**sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**  
<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.  
<sup>12</sup> **Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**  
<sup>13</sup> 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.**  
<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
**O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Assurance of God's Grace

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their

trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.<sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.<sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 90

What shall be done to the righteous at the day of judgment?

**At the day of judgment, the righteous, being caught up to Christ in the clouds, shall be set on His right hand, and there openly acknowledged and acquitted, shall join with Him in the judging of reprobate angels and men, and shall be received into heaven, where they shall be fully and for ever freed from all sin and misery; filled with inconceivable joys, made perfectly holy and happy both in body and soul, in the company of innumerable saints and holy angels, but especially in the immediate vision and fruition of God the Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, to all eternity. And this is the perfect and full communion, which the members of the invisible church shall enjoy with Christ in glory, at the resurrection and day of judgment.**

Hymn No. 703

*Loved with Everlasting Love*

Everlasting Love

Loved with everlasting love, drawn by grace that love to know,  
Spirit sent from Christ above, thou dost witness it is so,  
O this full and precious peace from his presence all divine;  
In a love that cannot cease, I am his and he is mine. (2X)

Heav'n above is deeper blue, earth around is sweeter green,  
That which glows in every hue Christless eyes have never seen.  
Birds in song his glories show, flow'rs with richer beauties shine  
Since I know, as now I know, I am his and he is mine. (2X)

Taste the goodness of the Lord: welcomed home to his embrace,  
All his love as blood outpoured seals the pardon of his grace.  
Can I doubt his love for me, when I trace that love's design?  
By the cross of Calvary I am his and he is mine. (2X)

His forever, only his—who the Lord and me shall part?  
Ah, with what a rest of bliss Christ can fill the loving heart.  
Heav'n and earth may fade and flee, firstborn light in gloom decline,  
But while God and I shall be, I am his and he is mine. (2X)

**We acknowledge God's blessings**

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

*Come, Ye Blessed (Matthew XXV:34-36)*

John Prindle Scott

<sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me

food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'

*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 21:5-8

Pew Bible pg. 1041

<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. <sup>8</sup> But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

Sermon

"The Father's Last Words"

Pastor Ceselsky

### **We respond to God's grace**

Hymn

*All Glory be to Christ*

Dustin Kensrue (Auld Lang Syne)

Should nothing of our efforts stand no legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn all glory be to Christ

**All glory be to Christ our King all glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing all glory be to Christ**

His will be done His kingdom come on earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet all glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am the faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new  
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light  
And we shall ere his people be all glory be to Christ

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

Danish

Postlude

*Assurance*

Lorenz (K. Dean)

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## Announcements

**The Tuesday Morning Book Club** will be changing their meeting time from 10 am to 10:30 am – please take note of this change.

**Donations are needed for our Facilities Fund.** We are currently running a deficit in our Facilities Fund of just over \$4,000 and we have several important repairs and updates to make. If you are able to give to this fund, it will be greatly appreciated.

**We will be Commissioning** John & Gwen Cicone on Sunday, August 7 during our worship service. Following the service, we will be hosting a fellowship luncheon to spend time with them as a church family.

**The Balcony is closed** as the deacons are performing some much-needed repairs.

**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. Please RSVP to Julie Ceselsky.

**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 John & Gwen Cicone as they complete their plans to move and serve the Lord with the Rafiki Foundation in Tanzania.
2. Please be in prayer for RE Mark Werner as he will be having surgery on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
3. Please continue be in prayer for Sarah Walters (Soule) and her husband Matthew as they await the birth of their first child in August.
4. Please be in prayer for the many members, family members and friends of the Aisquith Community who currently struggling various illnesses and other physical and emotional issues.

## Church Officers

**Ruling Elders:** 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: July 17, 2022

Text: Revelation 21:5-8

Sermon Title: “The Father’s Last Words”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: New Life requires complete submission to the One seated upon the throne.

Main Point 1: What God Reveals About Himself.

Point 1: Who the Lord is. (v. 6)

Point 2: What the Lord does. (v. 5)

Main Point 2: Who God Makes Us To Be.

Point 1: Who we were. (v. 6)

Point 2: What the Lord provides for us. (v. 6)

Point 3: Who we become. (v. 7)

Main Point 3: What God's Justice Requires.

Point 1: For Whom (v. 8)

Point 2: Forever (v. 8)