

The Lord's Day

April 24, 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...

The lowliest angel and the highest saint, all are summoned to glorify God, the Author of salvation; for all serve Him out of reverence. William Hendriksen

Prelude *The Wayfaring Stranger* Southern Hymn
Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr., Director of Music Ministries

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship Psalm 145:17-21

¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. ¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. ¹⁹He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. ²⁰The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. ²¹My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Invocation

Hymn No. 110 *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah* Praise Jehovah

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, from the heavens praise his name;
Praise Jehovah in the highest, all his angels, praise proclaim,
All his hosts, together praise him, sun and moon and stars on high;
Praise him, O you heav'ns of heavens, and you floods above the sky.

**Let them praises give Jehovah, for his name alone is high,
And his glory is exalted, and his glory is exalted,
and his glory is exalted far above the earth and sky.**

Let them praises give Jehovah, they were made at his command;
Them forever he established, his decree shall ever stand.
From the earth, O praise Jehovah, all you seas, you monsters all,
Fire and hail and snow and vapors, stormy winds that hear his call.

All you fruitful trees and cedars, all you hills and mountains high,
Creeping things and beasts and cattle, birds that in the heavens fly,
Kings of earth, and all you people, princes great, earth's judges all;

Praise his name, young men and maidens, aged men, and children small.

We embrace Christ our Savior

Confessional of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Questions 89 & 90

Q. 89 What shall be done to the wicked at the day of judgment?

At the day of judgment, the wicked shall be set on Christ's left hand, and, upon clear evidence, and full conviction of their own consciences, shall have the fearful but just sentence of condemnation pronounced against them; and thereupon shall be cast out from the favorable presence of God, and the glorious fellowship with Christ, His saints, and all His holy angels, into hell, to be punished with unspeakable torments, both of body and soul, with the devil and his angels for ever.

Q. 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.

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalms 37

¹ Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!

² **For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.**

³ Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

⁴ **Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

⁶ **He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.**

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

⁸ **Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.**

⁹ For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

¹⁰ **In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.**

¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace.

¹² **The wicked plots against the righteous and gnashes his teeth at him,**

¹³ but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he sees that his day is coming.

¹⁴ **The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose way is upright;**

¹⁵ their sword shall enter their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

¹⁶ **Better is the little that the righteous has than the abundance of many wicked.**

¹⁷ For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the LORD upholds the righteous.

¹⁸ **The LORD knows the days of the blameless, and their heritage will remain forever;**

¹⁹ they are not put to shame in evil times; in the days of famine they have abundance.

²⁰ **But the wicked will perish; the enemies of the LORD are like the glory of the pastures; they vanish—like smoke they vanish away.**

²¹ The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives;
²² **for those blessed by the LORD shall inherit the land, but those cursed by him shall be cut off.**
²³ The steps of a man are established by the LORD, when he delights in his way;
²⁴ **though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the LORD upholds his hand.**
²⁵ I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread.
²⁶ **He is ever lending generously, and his children become a blessing.**
²⁷ Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever.
²⁸ **For the LORD loves justice; he will not forsake his saints.**
They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.
²⁹ **The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.**
³⁰ The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice.
³¹ **The law of his God is in his heart; his steps do not slip.**
³² The wicked watches for the righteous and seeks to put him to death.
³³ **The LORD will not abandon him to his power or let him be condemned when he is brought to trial.**
³⁴ Wait for the LORD and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land; you will look on when the wicked are cut off.
³⁵ **I have seen a wicked, ruthless man, spreading himself like a green laurel tree.**
³⁶ But he passed away, and behold, he was no more; though I sought him, he could not be found.
³⁷ **Mark the blameless and behold the upright, for there is a future for the man of peace.**
³⁸ But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed; the future of the wicked shall be cut off.
³⁹ **The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.**
⁴⁰ The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

The Silent Prayers of the Righteous

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:1-7

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Hymn No. 55

To God Be the Glory

To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
 So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
 And opened the life gate that we may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,

And give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offended who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

We acknowledge God's blessings

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

RE Tim Bracken

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

He Looked Beyond My Fault

Londonderry
Solo: Rev. Stuart Jones, tenor

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 18:21-19:5

Pew Bible pg. 1039

²¹ Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence, and will be found no more; ²² and the sound of harpists and musicians, of flute players and trumpeters, will be heard in you no more, and a craftsman of any craft will be found in you no more, and the sound of the mill will be heard in you no more, ²³ and the light of a lamp will shine in you no more, and the voice of bridegroom and bride will be heard in you no more, for your merchants were the great ones of the earth, and all nations were deceived by your sorcery. ²⁴ And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on earth."

¹⁹ After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ² for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

³ Once more they cried out, "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever."

⁴ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" ⁵ And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great."

Sermon

"Forever & No More"

Pastor Ceselsky

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 261

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing
on;

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!

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

Danish

Postlude

Redeemed, How I Love To Proclaim It

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Announcements

We will begin a New Members Class in May. Please contact Pastor Ceselsky if you are interested in taking part in this class.

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. There is a schedule on the tables in the narthex.

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. Debbie DeFord will be having surgery on Friday to repair her rotary cuff. Pray for a successful surgery, as well as for a speedy and complete recovery.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Dave & Carol Carson's grandson, Brad, as he continues intensive physical therapy in Boston.
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 continue to be in prayer for Beryl Wickham as she is in Israel for a 3-month study abroad program with her school.
5. 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 24, 2022

Text: Revelation 18:21-19:5

Sermon Title: "Forever & No More"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Babylon's Judgment Ushers in the Reality of Eternity.

Main Point 1: Babylon's Joy is forever NO MORE.

Point 1: All of Life's Joys Will Cease.

Point 2: Why?

Main Point 2: Babylon's Torment is FOREVER.

Main Point 3: The Bride's Praise is Heart FOREVER.

Point 1: By Whom?

Point 2: To Whom?

Point 3: Why?