

The Lord's Day

May 8, 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 bride can prepare herself only when God provides the wedding gown for her, because this garment is beautiful and pure. Her own clothes are but filthy rags, but Christ cleanses and presents her to himself 'without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish' (Eph. 5:26-27)." Simon Kistemaker

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount (Warrenton)* arr. Don Phillips
Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr., Director of Music Ministries

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship Isaiah 61:10

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Invocation

Hymn No. 320 *Rejoice, All Ye Believers* Lancashire

Rejoice, all ye believers, and let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near:
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he draweth nigh;
Up, pray, and watch, and wrestle: at midnight comes the cry.

See that you lamps are burning; replenish them with oil;
And wait for your salvation, the end of earthly toil.
The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go meet him as he cometh, with alleluias clear.

Ye saints, who here in patience your cross and suff' rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever, when sorrow is no more:
Around the throne of glory the Lamb ye shall behold,
In triumph cast before him your diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, thou sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption that brings us unto thee.

We embrace Christ our Savior

God's Confronts the Sin of His People (Responsive)

Exodus 20:2,3,14; Jeremiah 5:7-9 (adapted)

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not commit adultery.
How can I pardon you? You have forsaken me and have sworn by those who are no gods.
When you provided for us, we committed adultery and sinned against you.
Though the Lord has dealt faithfully with us
We have run after another.
Therefore, the Lord declares, "Shall I not punish my people for these things?
And shall I not avenge myself on a people such as this?"

The Silent Confession of God's People

Assurance of Forgiveness

Revelation 21:1-4

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Confessional of Faith

Canons of Dort (1619), Head II, Article 9

The Lord's purpose proceeding from everlasting love towards the elect has from the beginning of the world to this day has been powerfully accomplished, and will henceforward still continue to be accomplished, notwithstanding all the ineffectual opposition of the gates of hell, so that the elect in due time may be gathered together into one, and that there never may be wanting a church composed of believers, the foundation of which is laid in the blood of Christ, which may steadfastly love and faithfully serve Him as their Savior, who as a bridegroom for his bride, laid down His life for them upon the cross, and which may celebrate His praises here and through all eternity.

Hymn

Beneath the Cross

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Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
His family is my own
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
The path before the crown
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives.

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

Seek Ye The Lord -(Psalm 55:1,2)

J.V. Roberts

The Aisquith Choir; Fran Oswinkle, soprano soloist

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near; seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and return unto the Lord, return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy, and abundantly pardon, He will have mercy, and abundantly pardon, abundantly pardon, abundantly pardon.

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 19:6-10

Pew Bible pg. 1039

⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,
"Hallelujah!
For the Lord our God

the Almighty reigns.
⁷ Let us rejoice and exult
 and give him the glory,
 for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
 and his Bride has made herself ready;
⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself
 with fine linen, bright and pure”—
 for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.
⁹ And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper
 of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.” ¹⁰ Then I fell down at his feet to
 worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers
 who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Sermon

“Who Are We?”

Pastor Ceselsky

We respond to God’s grace

Hymn No. 347

The Church’s One Foundation

Aurelia

The church’s One foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
 She is his new creation by water and the Word:
 From heav’n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
 With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
 Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
 And to one hope she presses, with ev’ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
 By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
 Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”
 And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
 To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
 Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
 Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

‘Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
 She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
 Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
 Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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

Danish

Announcements

A Special Welcome to all Mothers on this Lord's Day. We give thanks to both our physical mothers who gave us life, and to those spiritual mothers who were used by God to bring us to faith in Christ.

The Canticle Singers have their Spring Concert; *Sing, My Child*; today at 6:30 at the Church of the Resurrection. The concert features songs composed by women, about women, mothers and daughters, past and present.

Classical Guitarist Andrew Oswinkle will be performing at Emma's Tea Spot (5500 Harford Road in Hamilton) today from 1-3 p.m. Come enjoy some Mother's Day Music.

The Baltimore Boy Choir Festival Performance will be held this Saturday (May 14th) at 7:30 PM at the Boy Choir Center. Tickets are available at <https://www.marylandstateboychoir.org/tickets>.

The Center for Pregnancy Concerns will be hosting a "Blue Jean BBQ" on Thursday, May 19th from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at Beachmont Christian Ministries in Kingsville. This family friendly event will be held rain or shine. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. To learn more or register, please visit cpcforhelp.org.

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

Pastor Ceselsky's Installation Service is scheduled for 4 PM NEXT 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.

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 Candy Short's grandson, Seth Walters. Seth has been assigned, and is now serving for 10 ½ months at the U.S. Army base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

2. Please be in prayer for Maise Manning's sister, Yvonne, who was admitted into the hospital in Jamaica once again.
3. Please continue to be in prayer and give praise for Dave & Carol Carson's grandson, Brad, as he has returned to Baltimore and now can walk unassisted.
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.
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: May 8, 2022

Text: Revelation 19:6-10

Sermon Title: "Who Are We?"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Our identity is defined by the Sovereign Lord alone.

Main Point 1: We are fellow-servants with all who hold to the testimony of Jesus.

Point 1: We are a community of servants.

Point 2: We are a community of servant-worshippers.

Main Point 2: We are invited guests to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Point 1: God's sovereign invitation.

Point 2: We are Blessed.

Main Point 3: We are the beautifully adorned Bride of Christ.

Point 1: God's sovereign "granting" of clothing.

Point 2: We are to make ourselves ready for the Bridegroom.