

The Lord's Day

June 12, 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...

Certainly, the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which is revealed to the souls of believers reigning with their exalted Lord in heaven!

William Hendriksen

Prelude

What Wondrous Love is This?

David Angerman

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

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 47

- ¹ Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- ² For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.
- ³ He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
- ⁴ He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- ⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
- ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
- ⁷ For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!
- ⁸ God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
- ⁹ The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!

Invocation

Hymn No. 369

Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

Truro

Shout for the blessed Jesus reigns; through distant lands his triumphs spread;
And sinners, freed from endless pains, own him their Savior and their Head.

He calls his chosen from afar, they all at Zion's gates arrive;
Those who were dead in sin before by sovereign grace are made alive.

Gentiles and Jews his laws obey; nations remote their offerings bring,
And unconstrained their homage pay to their exalted God and King.

O may his holy church increase, his Word and Spirit still prevail,
While angels celebrate his praise, and saints his growing glories hail.

Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb, from all below, and all above!
In lofty songs exalt his name, in songs as lasting as his love.

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Confession of Sin (Responsive)

Psalm 51:1-17

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,**

so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

⁵ **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

⁷ **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

⁹ **Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

¹¹ **Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

¹³ **Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.**

¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

¹⁵ **O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

¹⁷ **The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

The Silent Confession of God's People

Assurance of God's Grace

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.

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, X.1

All those whom God has predestinated unto life, and those only, He is pleased, in His appointed and accepted time, effectually to call, by His Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ: enlightening their minds, spiritually and savingly, to understand the things of God, taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them an heart of flesh; renewing their wills, and by His almighty power determining them to that which is good; and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ; yet so as they come most freely, being made willing by His grace.

Hymn No. 9 (HMR)

Alive in Christ

Sola Gratia

I once was rebellious, corrupted by sin, pursuing the devil's dark path,
Oblivious, dead to the state I was in, an object of God's dreadful wrath.

But God who is rich in compassion and love, not leaving my soul to the grave,
Has given me life; born again from above, by God's sovereign grace I've been saved.

God lifted me up to the heavenly realms where seated with Christ I am free;
In ages to come he will show me more grace—so great is his kindness to me.

Since grace is the source of the life that is mine—and faith is a gift from on high—
I'll boast in my Savior, all merit decline, and glorify God 'til I die.

Yet now I am living with work to be done for I am God's workmanship too,
Created in Christ with a race to be run, which God has ordained me to do.

We acknowledge God's blessings

Missions Report

Center for Pregnancy Concerns

Mrs. Paula Caponiti

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

RE John Cicone

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

John Hughes

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand; Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more. Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliev'rer, Strong Deliv'rer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield. When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side; Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee!

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 20:4-6

Pew Bible pg. 1040

⁴ Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

Sermon

“ On Deaths, Resurrections and Lives”

Pastor Ceselsky

“We must live for Christ, that in death we may reign with Christ, and that in physical resurrection we may live, physically and spiritually, eternally in his presence.”

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 164

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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

Danish

Postlude

Reprise on: Azmon (O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing)

arr. Richard Unfried

Announcements

We welcome Mrs. Paula Caponiti, Director of Development for the Center for Pregnancy Concerns as she gives us an update on the work of the CPC. We also have baby bottles which you can fill with change or cash and return when they are full. We will be collecting via the baby bottles through the month of September.

We will hold a Q & A time following the worship service TODAY for those interested in the work of this year's General Assembly.

Classical Guitarist Andrew Oswinkle will be holding a fundraiser at Aisquith TODAY at 4 p.m. Come help Andrew raise funds to attend the Brevard Summer Institute.

The Summer Book Club HAS begun 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.

Next Sunday Beryl Wickham will share during our worship service on her time in Israel. She will also be making a brief presentation in Room 11 following the service.

The deacons have decided that we will be doing 2 workdays this year. Thank you to all of those who came and helped out yesterday. The second date will be Saturday, July the 16th at 9:00am. This will be a "normal" workday and we will take all of the stuff from yesterday and throw it all into a dumpster that we will be renting.

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 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 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: June 12, 2022

Text: Revelation 20:4-6

Sermon Title: "On Deaths, Resurrections, and Lives"
Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: We will live and reign with Christ.

Main Point 1: All of Humanity is Stillborn

Point 1: Physically Alive, but Spiritually Dead

Point 2: Why?

Point 3: Ruled by the World, the Flesh and the Devil

Main Point 2: Believers experience the First Resurrection

Point 1: Physically Alive and Spiritually Alive

Point 2: How?

Point 3: Led by the Spirit

Main Point 3: All of Humanity experiences the First Death

Point 1: Physically Dead, but remain Spiritually Alive

Point 2: Where?

Point 3: Reign with Christ

Main Point 4: All of Humanity experiences the Second Resurrection

Point 1: Contrasting Lives.

Point 2: Why?

Main Point 5: Believers escape the Second Death

Point 1: The Lake of Fire

Point 2: Why?