

The Lord's Day

June 26, 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...

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

Prelude

Arioso

Bach

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

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

Pastor Ceselsky

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 133

1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
2 It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
3 It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

Invocation

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Ode to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,

Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the Joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sun-ward In the triumph song of life.

We embrace Christ our Savior

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith XIII.1

They who are effectually called and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, by His Word and Spirit dwelling in them; the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts thereof are more and more weakened and mortified, and they more and more quickened and strengthened, in all saving graces, to the practice of true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

Corporate Confession of Sin and Guilt (Responsive)

Psalm 32

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

² **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; **surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**

⁷ You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸ **I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

⁹ Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ **Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

The Silent Individual Confession of God's People

Assurance of God's Grace

Isaiah 41:9b-10

^{9b} You are my servant,

I have chosen you and not cast you off";

¹⁰ fear not, for I am with you;

be not dismayed, for I am your God;

I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Hymn No. 94

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you. O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“E’en down to old age all my people shall prove
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

We acknowledge God’s blessings

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

We respond in gratitude for God’s blessing

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

O Church Arise

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Soloist: JonCarlos Ley

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.

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

Philippians 2:19-30

Pew Bible pg. 981

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰ For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹ For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. ²³ I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴ and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

²⁵ I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶ for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious.

²⁹ So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰ for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

Sermon

“Partners in the Struggle”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God’s grace

Hymn

Bought By the Blood

Highland Cathedral

Bought by the blood of heaven’s perfect Lamb,
Freed from the bonds of earth by pierced hand,
He all my worthiness and I his sin,
Nailed to a cross by pow’r of God’s love.

*Though his call take me far away,
Tho’ it cost my name, comfort and gain,
I will serve him all my days,
My life now his, my Lord.*

Bold I approach my King’s eternal throne,
Robed in a righteousness that’s not my own.
Filled with his Spirit for a holy cause,
Bearing his cross by pow’r of God’s love. (Refrain)

Lord, now grant me for the Gospel strife,
Grace for the morning and the fearful night,
Strengthen my zeal for my dear Savior’s reign
Raising his cross by pow’r of God’s love.

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

Danish

Postlude

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!

A.L. Butler

Announcements

We welcome Pastor Bell who be preaching this morning and **JonCarlos Ley** who will be singing during the offertory.

The Summer Book Club continues 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.

We will provide an update on this year’s General Assembly following the worship service on Sunday, July 10.

The deacons have scheduled a second word day on Saturday, July the 16th at 9:00am. This will be a "normal" workday and we will take all of the stuff organized on the first work day and throw it all into a dumpster that we will be renting. **Please feel free** to take anything from the middle Sunday School room

on the first floor (other than any bins or the Sunday School material) and from the large room at the end of the second floor.

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: 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 26, 2022

Text: Philippians 2:19-30

Sermon Title: "Partners in the Struggle"

Delivered By: Pastor Robert Bell

Main Point 1: Timothy: Paul's Son in the Faith

Point 1: His Connection with the Philippians

Point 2: His Concern for the Interests of Christ

Point 3: His Courage had been Tested

Point 4: His Cooperation with Others

Main Point 2: Epaphroditus: Christ's Soldier in the Fight

Point 1: His Concern for the Philippians

Point 2: His Commission to Preach the Gospel

Point 3: His Connection with Paul

Point 4: His Commendation from Paul