

The Lord's Day

August 14, 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...

No believer, not even one of great spiritual stature as John, is beyond the subtle temptation to worship what is good itself in place of God who alone is to be worshipped." Alan Johnson

Prelude

Morning Meditation

arr. Chester Nordman
Mr. Oronde Short

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-2

¹ Oh sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
² The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Invocation

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 embrace Christ’s Call

God’s General Revelation in Nature

Psalm 19:1-6

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
² **Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.**
³ There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.
⁴ **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, ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
⁶ 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.

God’s Special Revelation in The Word

Psalm 19:7-14

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;
⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;
⁹ the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
¹² **Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**
¹³ 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.
¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

God’s Special Revelation in Christ

John 1:1-4, 14, 16-18; Hebrews 1:1-2

^{John 1:1} In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
² **He was in the beginning with God.**
³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.
⁴ **In him was life, and the life was the light of men.**

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

¹⁷ **For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

¹⁸ No one has ever seen God;

the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

^{He 1:1} Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

² **but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,**

whom he appointed the heir of all things,

through whom also he created the world.

Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 3

What is the Word of God?

The holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.

Hymn / Prayer for God's Revelation

Speak O Lord

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

We acknowledge God's blessings

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

Reassurance

arr. Chester Nordman

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 22:6-10

Pew Bible pg. 1042

⁶ And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

⁷ "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, ⁹ but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

¹⁰ And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near."

Sermon

"Sola Scriptura"

Pastor Ceselsky

Sermon Outline can be found on the back page of the bulletin.

We respond to God's grace

Hymn

Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

Woodlands

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might;
Pow'rs and dominion lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:

Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forever more.

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

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Postlude

Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr. William Runyan

Announcements

We welcome and thank Mr. Oronde Short who will be playing the organ this week, and the next two weeks, while Dr. Dean is away on a much-needed vacation.

We have new Wi-Fi access throughout our facility – Aisquith-Private is the network name and the password is Elohim44.

Donations are needed for our Facilities Fund. We are currently running a deficit in our Facilities Fund of just over \$12,000 and we have several important repairs and updates to make. If you are able to give to this fund, it will be greatly appreciated.

The Items in the Middle Sunday School Room will be donated to local charities following the worship service on TODAY! If you would like any of the items, please feel free to do so prior to then.

The Women's Bible Study will begin studying The Gospel of Luke at 10:30 am on Wednesday, September 28. Please let Julie Ceselsky know if you are interested in attending no later than THIS MORNING so that she can order and distribute the study materials.

We will be baptizing Damian Andrade on Sunday, August 28. The congregation is invited to a lunch to follow (also celebrating his 1st birthday) but please rsvp to Angela no later than TOMORROW, via email (Andrade.angelamaria@yahoo.com) or text to (240) 274-0914, so that she can plan accordingly.

The Handbell Choir will begin practicing on Wednesday, September 7 at 5 PM here at the church. Anyone who may be interested is welcome to come!

Baby Bottles for the Center for Pregnancy Concerns are due back in the church by Sunday, September 25. There is also a large baby bottle in the narthex where you can continue to give.

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

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to 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 continue to be in prayer for RE Mark Werner as he recovers from surgery.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Maisie Manning's daughter, Yvonne, as she continues to battle medical conditions in Jamaica.

4. Please continue to be in prayer for Sarah Walters (Soule) and her husband Matthew as they await the birth of their first child very soon!
5. 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: August 14, 2022

Text: Revelation 22:6-10

Sermon Title: "Sola Scriptura"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: God's Word Alone is the Only rule of Faith and Practice.

Main Point 1: The Nature of God's Word.

Point 1: Revealed by God. (v. 6)

Point 2: Human Secondary Authorship. (v. 8)

Point 3: An Unsealed Document. (v. 10)

Point 4: Must be Kept. (v. 7)

Main Point 2: The Christ Revealed in God's Word.

Point 1: The All-Scripture Christ.

Point 2: The Soon-Coming Christ (v. 7)

Main Point 3: The Worship Response to God's Word.

Point 1: What We are NOT to Worship. (v. 9)

Point 2: God Worship! (v. 9)