

## *The Lord's Day*

September 11, 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 Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.* Psalm 28:7

Prelude *O Thou That Heareth, Every Heartfelt Prayer (Morecambe)* Gordon Young  
Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr. – Director of Music Ministries

*Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.*

Aisquith Life and Opportunities RE Jeff Soule

### **We praise our great God**

Call to Worship Psalm 13:5-6

<sup>5</sup> I have trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
<sup>6</sup> I will sing to the Lord,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Invocation

Hymn No. 310 *Rejoice, the Lord is King* Darwall

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

***Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!***

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,  
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.

### **We embrace Christ's Call**

**The light of nature shows that there is a God, who has lordship and sovereignty over all; is good, and does good unto all; and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served with all the heart, and with all the soul, and with all the might.**

The Lord's Call for Our Trust (Responsive)

Jeremiah 17:5-13

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> **He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.**

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> **He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes,**  
for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

<sup>9</sup> **The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?**

<sup>10</sup> "I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

<sup>11</sup> **Like the partridge that gathers a brood that she did not hatch, so is he who gets riches but not by justice; in the midst of his days they will leave him, and at his end he will be a fool.**

<sup>12</sup> A glorious throne set on high from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

<sup>13</sup> **O Lord, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be put to shame; those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth, for they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living water.**

The Lord's Promise to Those Who Trust Him

Proverbs 3:5-6

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Individual Acknowledgement of Our Trust in the Lord

Hymn No. 675

*Only Trust Him*

Minerva

Come, ev'ry soul by sin oppressed, there's mercy with the Lord,  
And he will surely give you rest, by trusting in his Word.

***Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now;  
He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.***

For Jesus shed his precious blood rich blessings to bestow;  
Plunge now into the crimson flood that washes white as snow.

Yes, Jesus is the truth, the way, that leads you into rest;  
Believe in him without delay, and you are fully blessed.

Come then, and join this holy band, and on to glory go,  
To dwell in that celestial land, where joys immortal flow.

**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 Lord, Most Holy*

Ce'sar Franck  
Soloist: Ms. Anita Taylor, soprano

*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 3:1-3

Pew Bible pg. 981

<sup>1</sup> Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

<sup>2</sup> Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. <sup>3</sup> For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh.

Sermon

"No Compromise"

Pastor Bell

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

**We respond to God's grace**

Hymn No. 461

*Not What My Hands Have Done*

Moody

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;  
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,  
Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;  
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.  
No other work, save thine, no other blood will do;  
No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;  
And with unfalt'ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.  
His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb  
Each thought of unbelief and fear, each ling'ring shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;  
He calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.  
'Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;  
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

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

Danish

Postlude

*Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us*

W. Bradbury

*Please be seated and quietly reflect upon the Lord's grace during the Postlude.*

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### Announcements

**We welcome** our Pastor Emeritus, Pastor Bell as he brings the Word of the Lord to us today; and Ms. Anita Taylor as she sings the offertory.

**Pastor Ceselsky** is away on vacation through Wednesday, September 21.

**On September 6 the Session** accepted the letter of resignation from the Session submitted by RE John Cicone due to his call to serve with the Rafiki Foundation in Tanzania.

**Valley Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Grief Share** support group beginning on Tuesday, September 13. The group will meet at Valley every Tuesday from 12-2 PM through December 13. If you have any questions, you can call 410-828-6234. (There are some brochures available in the narthex.)

**Sunday School for all ages** will begin on Sunday, September 25. Pastor Ceselsky will be teaching the adult class in Room 11, while Sandy Jones teaches the children in Room 17, on the Ten Commandments (these lessons will form a backdrop to part of the sermon series we will be beginning that same day). All are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to come and participate.

**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 Women's Bible Study** for the 2022-2023 begins on Wednesday, September 28 at 10:30 AM, meeting in rooms 15 & 16. The group will be using Rafiki materials studying the Gospel of Luke. There is no required payment for the study guides, but if you are able to help cover the cost, each guide costs \$16. (Please give any funds to John or Julie Ceselsky.)

**We will be holding a new member's class** beginning on Sunday, October 16 – the class will meet in Pastor Ceselsky's office following the worship service. Any are welcome to come!

**We have a couple of copies** of *Gentle and Lowly* (used for the summer book study) in the narthex. They are free to a good home.

**We are still collecting inkjet cartridges.** There is a box in the kitchen for any donations.

### **Prayer Requests**

1. Please continue to be in prayer for John & Gwen Cicone as they begin to 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 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:** 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: September 11, 2022

Text: Philippians 3:1-3

Sermon Title: "No Compromise"

Delivered By: Pastor Emeritus Robert Bell

Main Point 1: The Duty of the Christian is to Rejoice in Christ

Main Point 2: The Doctrine of the False Teachers must be Rejected

Main Point 3: The Delight of the Christian is to Rest in Christ