

The Lord's Day

April 6, 2025 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...

Yahweh's grace is far more tenacious than his people's depravity and insists on still holding them fast even in their sinfulness and their stupidity. Dale Ralph Davis

Prelude *Come, Thou Almighty King* Felice DeGiardini
Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr., Director of Music Ministries

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship Psalm 29:10b; Psalm 2:6,10-12

Psalm 29:10b The Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

Psalm 2:6 "As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
¹² Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Invocation

Hymn No. 76 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Lauda Anima

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Our Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 41
The Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 95

Wherein is the moral law summarily comprehended?

The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.

Of what use is the moral law to all men?

The moral law is of use to all men, to inform them of the holy nature and will of God, and of their duty, binding them to walk accordingly; to convince them of their disability to keep it, and of the sinful pollution of their nature, hearts, and lives; to humble them in the sense of their sin and misery, and thereby help them to a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ, and of the perfection of his obedience.

Our Confession of Sin

Exodus 20:1-17

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying,

² "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

The Purpose of Christ's Incarnation

Matthew 5:17

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets;
I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Our Assurance in Christ

Romans 8:1-4

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Hymn No. 172

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

All Saints Old

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
He has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who brought us, pitied us when enemies,
Called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown:
He who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder, grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
“You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy Lamb of God!”

We acknowledge God's blessings

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* (Tune: Hamburg) arr. James Green
The Aisquith Choir

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count by loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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 are nourished by God's Word & Sacrament

Scripture Reading Judges 21:25 Pew Bible pg. 221

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Sermon "No King" Pastor Ceselsky

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

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn *All Glory be to Christ our King* Dustin Kensrue (Auld Lang Syne)

Should nothing of our efforts stand no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn all glory be to Christ

**All glory be to Christ our King all glory be to Christ
His rule and reign will ever sing all glory be to Christ**

His will be done His kingdom come on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet all glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be all glory be to Christ

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

Danish

Postlude

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

(Tune: Martyrdom) Hugh Wilson

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

Announcements

We will be holding a potluck congregational lunch and fellowship time with John & Gwen Cicone NEXT Sunday. The church will be providing the main course (hamburgers, hot dogs, and BBQ chicken) and drinks. Each family is asked to bring either a vegetable, salad, or dessert.

Our Easter Offering the Year will again go to Mission to North America's Disaster Relief Ministry as they continue to try and help those in the Southeastern part of the United States as they recover from Hurricanes Milton and Helene.

The Andrade Family needs help with home-schooling their three daughters 4 days per week. This will be a paid opportunity to assist this dear family. If you are interested, or know someone who may be able to assist them, please speak directly with Angela.

We will be hosting a congregational workday here at the church on Saturday, May 17, beginning at 8:30 AM. Please join the deacons if you are able – many hands make light work!

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Stuart Jones and his family as Stuart continues the process of in-patient rehab.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Buckey Pearre, as well as Nancy and their whole family. His lung doctor strongly believes that Buckey does have cancer in the pleura of his right lung. Buckey is currently in the hospital while waiting to go to rehab. Please pray for healing, physical comfort, and for his appetite to return.
3. Please be in prayer for Aisquith members, family members, and friends of the Aisquith Community who are currently struggling with various illnesses and other physical and emotional issues.

Weekly Calendar

TODAY:	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages Children – Rooms 16 & 17 Adults – Room 11
	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service with The Lord's Supper
	12:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal – Rooms 26 & 27

Tuesday	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
	7:00 PM	Joint Board Meeting – Room 18
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women’s Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 74-76 – Phoebe & Damaris)
	7:00 PM	Men’s Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 139-145)
NEXT Sunday	10:30 AM	Lord’s Day Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Cookout & Fellowship Luncheon with the Cicones

Coming Soon

Maundy Thursday Worship Service – April 17 – 7:00 PM at Aisquith
 Good Friday Worship Service – April 18 – 7:00 PM at Loch Raven
 Congregational Work Day @ the Church – May 17 – 8:30 AM

Church Officers

Ruling Elders: Riley B. Franklin, Jeff Soule & Mark Werner (Clerk)
Deacons: Andrew Bell, Gus DeFord, Jonathan Frank, Ken Schumann (President), and Rick Willis
Deaconesses: Christine Clark, Debbie DeFord, Judi Mason, Fran Oswinkle, & Jeanne Williams (Moderator)

Sermon Notes

Date: April 6, 2025
 Text: Judges 21:25
 Sermon Title: “No King”
 Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: We must submit to our sovereign King.

Main Point 1: An illegitimate claim. (v. 25a)

Point 1: The days of the Judges.

Point 2: The repeated claim of the people.

Point 3: The rejection of the sovereign.

Main Point 2: An unrighteous life. (v. 25b)

Point 1: The appeal of moral relativism.

Point 2: The fallacy of moral relativism.

Point 3: The call to moral absolutism.