

The Lord's Day

April 27, 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...

1 Samuel is about a God who makes something out of nothing, life out of death, rich out of poor, somebody out of nobody.

John Woodhouse

Prelude

Meditation (From: Thais)

Jules Massenet

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

1 Samuel 2:1-2

¹ “My heart exults in the Lord;
my horn is exalted in the Lord.
My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in your salvation.

² “There is none holy like the Lord:
for there is none besides you;
there is no rock like our God.

Invocation

Hymn No. 110

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Praise Jehovah

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, from the heavens praise his name;
Praise Jehovah in the highest, all his angels, praise proclaim,
All his hosts, together praise him, sun and moon and stars on high;
Praise him, O you heav'ns of heavens, and you floods above the sky.

***Let them praises give Jehovah, for his name alone is high,
And his glory is exalted, and his glory is exalted,
and his glory is exalted far above the earth and sky.***

Let them praises give Jehovah, they were made at his command;
Them forever he established, his decree shall ever stand.
From the earth, O praise Jehovah, all you seas, you monsters all,

Fire and hail and snow and vapors, stormy winds that hear his call.

All you fruitful trees and cedars, all you hills and mountains high,
Creeping things and beasts and cattle, birds that in the heavens fly,
Kings of earth, and all you people, princes great, earth's judges all;
Praise his name, young men and maidens, aged men, and children small.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Our Confession of Faith

The Westminster Larger Catechism, Questions 123, 124

Which is the fifth commandment?

The fifth commandment is, *Honor your father and your mother: that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you.*

Who are meant by father and mother in the fifth commandment?

By father and mother, in the fifth commandment, are meant, not only natural parents, but all superiors in age and gifts; and especially such as, by God's ordinance, are over us in place of authority, whether in family, church, or commonwealth.

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalms 2

¹ Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

² **The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,**

³ "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

⁴ **He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.**

⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

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

⁷ I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ **You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

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.

God's Design for the Family

Colossians 2:18-25

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. ²² Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

Individual Prayer of Confession

⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah!
For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.
⁷ Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;
⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure”—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

Hymn No. 295

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail through out eternity.

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

Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place

Gordon Young
The Aisquith Choir

Let heav'nly music fill this place and all the harmonies of heav'n be heard; Let one grand song of praise of praise resound, one alleluia! Let mighty organs peal and roll and choirs invisible be heard; Let anthem grand now thrill my soul, one alleluia! O may we join the heav'nly choir that through the ages will sing on; In praise to Father and to Son, one alleluia! One alleluia!

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

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 1:1-8

Pew Bible pg. 225

¹ There was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. ² He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

³ Now this man used to go up year by year from his city to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the Lord. ⁴ On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵ But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. ⁶ And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. ⁷ So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸ And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

Sermon

"Barrenness"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn No.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.

Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

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

Danish

Postlude

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

(Tune: Austria) Franz Josef Haydn

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

Announcements

Church Directory Update Pages are available in the narthex – directories are designed to swap out pages. Please let Pastor Ceselsky know if you need a completely new directory.

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. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Please pray for John & Gwen Cicone as they return to Tanzania this week after a month and half away. Pray for safety as they travel and that they will quickly adjust back into life and their responsibilities at the Rafiki village.
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 struggling while in 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
	12:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal – Rooms 26 & 27
Tuesday	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 80-83 – Dinah & Tamar)
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 146-154)
NEXT Sunday	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

Coming Soon

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 27, 2025

Text: 1 Samuel 1:1-8

Sermon Title: "Barrenness"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The sovereignly designed social institutions must reflect the sovereign's design.

Main Point 1: Barrenness in the Nation. (Judges 21:25)

Point 1: There was No King in Israel. Everyone did what was Right in Their own Eyes.

Point 2: Spiritual Barrenness.

Main Point 2: Barrenness in the Church.

Point 1: The Priestly Family. (v. 3)

Point 2: Barren, Outward Religious Practice. (vss. 6-7)

Main Point 3: Barrenness in the Family.

Point 1: A Godly Man from a Godly Family. (v. 1)

Point 2: Faithful in Practice. (v. 3)

Point 3: Polygamy and Partiality. (vss. 2,4-5)

Point 4: Self-Centered Love. (v. 8)