

The Lord's Day

May 4, 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...

One great difference between Christianity and all other religions is that the believer has a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God.

The New Open Study Bible

Prelude

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Jack Richards

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

Psalms 30:10-12

¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me!

O Lord, be my helper!

¹¹ You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

you have loosed my sackcloth

and clothed me with gladness,

¹² that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Invocation

Hymn No. 164

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,

The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious master and my God, assist me to proclaim,

To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;

'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;

His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Our Confession of Sin (Unison)

Nehemiah 9:32-37

³² **Our God, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love, let not all the hardship seem little to you that has come upon us, upon our kings, our princes, our priests, our prophets, our fathers, and all your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria until this day.** ³³ **Yet you have been righteous in all that has come upon us, for you have dealt faithfully and we have acted wickedly.** ³⁴ **Our kings, our princes, our priests, and our fathers have not kept your law or paid attention to your commandments and your warnings that you gave them.** ³⁵ **Even in their own kingdom, and amid your great goodness that you gave them, and in the large and rich land that you set before them, they did not serve you or turn from their wicked works.** ³⁶ **Behold, we are slaves this day; in the land that you gave to our fathers to enjoy its fruit and its good gifts, behold, we are slaves.** ³⁷ **And its rich yield goes to the kings whom you have set over us because of our sins. They rule over our bodies and over our livestock as they please, and we are in great distress.**

Our Confession of Jesus as Our Great High Priest (Responsive)

Hebrews 4:14-5:10

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

¹⁵ **For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.**

¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

¹ **For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.**

² He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness.

³ **Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people.**

⁴ And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ **So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";**

⁶ as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

⁷ **In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.**

⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

⁹ **And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,**

¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Hymn of Assurance of God's Grace

Before The Throne

Sovereign Grace

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea

A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart (2X).

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of my guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me (2X).

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of Glory and of Grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God (2X)

We acknowledge God's blessings

Our Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 117

What are the requisites of that prayer which is acceptable to God and which He will hear?
First, that we from the heart pray to the one true God only, who has manifested Himself in His Word, for all things He has commanded us to ask of Him; secondly, that we rightly and thoroughly know our need and misery, that so we may deeply humble ourselves in the presence of His divine majesty; thirdly, that we be fully persuaded that He, notwithstanding that we are unworthy of it, will, for the sake of Christ our Lord, certainly hear our prayer, as He has promised us in His Word.

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

RE Riley B. Franklin

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven

Mark Andrews
The Aisquith Choir

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King. 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. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows. Angels in the height adore him! Ye behold Him face to face; Saints triumphant bow before Him! Gathered in from ev'ry race.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace, praise with us the God of grace. Amen,
Amen.

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 and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 1:9-18

Pew Bible pg. 225

⁹ After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰ She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. ¹¹ And she vowed a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head."

¹² As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³ Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. ¹⁴ And Eli said to her, "How long will you go on being drunk? Put your wine away from you." ¹⁵ But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. ¹⁶ Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation." ¹⁷ Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him." ¹⁸ And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

Sermon

"The Overcoming Power of Prayer"

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 No. 32

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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

Danish

Postlude

If With All Your Hearts (from: Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn

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

Announcements

Next Sunday is Mother's Day, so we won't be holding Sunday School.

Nancy Pearre needs some help with rides to visit Buckey. If you can assist her, please contact her directly.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Tuesday (May 6) Ruth Ellen Beerli's birthday, Next Sunday (May 11) Roger & Mary Ann Kauffman's anniversary & Alice Orie's birthday.

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: Trip Beans & RUF at UMBC – Please pray that the students will rest in Jesus when it comes to their exams and grades, knowing that their identity is in Christ and not in their grades. Pray as well for the graduating seniors that they will find jobs and community in their churches. And pray as well that Trip, Joy (his wife) and Ruth (daughter) will be able to get rest and raise funds over the summer.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Buckey Pearre, as well as Nancy and their whole family. Buckey continues to struggle while in rehab. Please pray for healing, physical comfort, and for God's mercies.
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
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 83-88 – Mary Magdalene)
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 155-162)
NEXT Sunday	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service
	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: May 4, 2025

Text: 1 Samuel 1:9-18

Sermon Title: "The Overcoming Power of Prayer"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Prayer is the Lord's remedy for all human distress.

Main Point 1: Hannah's "scene" in "the Temple."

Point 1: Hannah's distress displayed. (vss. 10, 12-13)

Point 2: Eli's observation. (vss. 9, 12)

Point 3: Hannah's dedication. (v. 11)

Main Point 2: Hannah's defense of her actions.

Point 1: Eli's unjust interpretation. (vss. 13-14)

Point 2: Hannah's righteous standing. (vss. 15-16)

Main Point 3: Hannah's joy in the LORD.

Point 1: Eli's prophetic benediction. (v. 17)

Point 2: Hannah's trust in the Lord's faithfulness. (v. 18)