

The Lord's Day

May 11, 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...

Wherever Samuel went and whatever he did, Samuel's name testified to a great and important truth about God. He would be a living example that when God's people humbly ask, the Lord hears and answers with mercy and grace.

Richard Phillips

Prelude

All The Way My Savior Leads Me

Fannie Crosby

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 27:1,4

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴ One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.

Invocation

Hymn No. 363

We Gather Together

Kremser

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:

Thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender will be.
Let thy congregation endure thro' tribulation:
Thy name be ever prais'd! O Lord, make us free!

We embrace Christ through His Word

Our Confession of Faith

The Westminster Larger Catechism, Questions 178 & 180

What is prayer?

Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit; with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

What is it to pray in the name of Christ?

To pray in the name of Christ is, in obedience to his command, and in confidence on his promises, to ask mercy for his sake; not by bare mentioning of his name, but by drawing our encouragement to pray, and our boldness, strength, and hope of acceptance in prayer, from Christ and his mediation.

Our Confession of Sin (Responsive)

James 4:1-6

¹ What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you?

Is it not this, that [our] passions are at war within [us]?

² You desire and do not have, so you murder.

[We] covet and cannot obtain, so [we] fight and quarrel.

You do not have, because you do not ask.

³ **[We] ask and do not receive, because [we] ask wrongly, to spend it on [our] passions.**

⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?

Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says,

“He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”?

⁶ But he gives more grace.

Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

Individual Confession of Sin

The Command & Assurance of God

James 4:7-10

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Hymn No. 629

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a Friend

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is their trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

We acknowledge God's blessings

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

RE Jeff Soule

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

J.S. Bach
The Aisquith Choir

Jesus, I will ponder now On Thy holy Passion with Thy Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish Of Thy suff'ring, pain and death, That I may
not perish. Grant that I Thy Passion view With repentant grieving, Nor Thee crucify anew By
unholy living. How could I reuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure. Since for me God's only Son
Suffered without measure? If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me, Let Thy
cross my fear disarm, Peace of conscience give me. Grant that I may trust in Thee And Thy holy
Passion. If His Son so loveth me, God must have compassion.

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 1:19-20

Pew Bible pg. 225

¹⁹ They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her. ²⁰ And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the Lord."

Sermon

"Asking & Receiving"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn No. 308

Jesus Paid It All

All to Christ

I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all.”

***Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.***

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,
Can change the leper’s spots, and melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim—
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat.

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

Danish

Postlude

Be Still My Soul (tune: Finlandia)

John Sibelius

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

Announcements

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY to all of the mother’s present, both physical and spiritual mothers!

Pastor Ceselsky will be away beginning this coming Saturday (May 17) through Thursday, May 29.
Please address any needs or concerns to one of the elders during this time.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Today is Roger & Mary Ann Kauffman’s anniversary & Alice Orie’s birthday. Tuesday (May 13) is Caeden Bell’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, 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: Dal & Beth Stanton – After 45 years of pastoral ministry and 33 years serving as missionaries with Mission to the World in the Ukraine, Spain, and Bulgaria, Dal & Beth will be retiring at the end of August. Please give thanks for the faithful ministry and for the Lord’s sustaining hand upon them. Pray as well for them that they would be used by the Lord as they enter this new phase in their lives.
2. Please be in prayer for Bonnie Sunderland as she has been in the hospital suffering from pneumonia.

3. Please continue to be in prayer for Buckey Pearre, as well as Nancy and their whole family. Buckey will be returning home for home hospice care. Please pray for physical comfort, and for God's mercies.
4. 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:		HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!
	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
	7:00 PM	Session Meeting – Room 38
Wednesday:	12:00 PM	Women's Bible Study luncheon – The Peppermill Restaurant
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16
		(Please prepare pages 155-162)
Saturday	8:30 AM	Congregational Work Day
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
	12:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal – Rooms 26 & 27

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 11, 2025

Text: 1 Samuel 1:19-20

Sermon Title: "Asking & Receiving"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The Lord is Always Faithful to His People.

Main Point 1: Worshipping the Lord. (v. 19a)

Point 1: Before the Lord.

Point 2: Regardless of circumstances.

Main Point 2: Remembered by the Lord. (vv. 19b-20a)

Point 1: God's action.

Point 2: Man's action.

Main Point 3: Asked of the Lord. (v. 20)

Point 1: Hannah's asking.

Point 2: God's answering.