

The Lord's Day

May 18, 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...

Repentance and faith were the foundation of Christ's ministry. ... All of us are by nature born in sin and children of wrath, and all need to repent, be converted and born again if we would see the kingdom of God. ... All of us, once penitent, need daily stirring up to deeper repentance. All of us through believing, need constant exhortation to increased faith.

J.C. Ryle

Prelude

God Will Take Care Of You

Civilla Martin

Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr., Director of Music Ministries

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

RE Mark Werner

We praise our great God

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Psalm 40:1-3

¹ I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² **He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,**
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

³ **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Invocation

Hymn No. 76

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Amina

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

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalm 86:1-13

¹ Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
² **Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.**
³ Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day.
⁴ **Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**
⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
⁶ **Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.**
⁷ In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.
⁸ **There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.**
⁹ All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.
¹⁰ **For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.**
¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.
¹² **I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.**
¹³ For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Our Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 87

What is repentance unto life?

Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

We are Individually Called to Repent of Our Sin

Our Assurance of God's Pardon

2 Corinthians 5:17-18a

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself.

Hymn No. 457

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

(Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in blood washed linen, How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace.
Come my Lord, no longer tarry, Take my ransomed soul away;
Send Thine angels now to carry, Me to realms of endless days)

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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 *Lift Thine Eyes To The Mountains (From: Elijah)* Felix Mendelssohn
Trio: Ms. Jean Evans, Mrs. Sandy Jones & Mrs. Fran Oswinkle

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh, whence cometh, whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be
moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber, never, will never slumber, never slumber. Lift thine eyes, O lift
thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh, whence cometh, whence cometh help, whence cometh,
whence cometh, whence cometh help.

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 Mark 1:14-20 Pew Bible pg. 836

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Sermon

“Repent and Believe!”

Pastor Bell

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

We respond to God’s Grace

Hymn No. 591

Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea,
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, “Christian, follow me”;

As, of old, apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”

Jesus calls us; by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

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

Danish

Postlude

I Surrender All

Winfield Weeder

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

Announcements

We welcome our Pastor Emeritus, Robert Bell to the pulpit this morning!

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

There will be NO Sunday School next week due to the Memorial Day Weekend.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Friday (May 23) is Mary Fisher’s birthday and Saturday (May 24) is Bryan & Lorna Lee’s anniversary.

We give thanks that Dr. Dean will be honored with the Roland Carter Living Legend Award on June 5. This award is given to outstanding musicians for their contributions to enhancing church music and church music programs. Additionally, this honor reflects his exceptional achievements in leadership, composition, and performance opportunities in church music.

Prayer Requests

1. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Linda Karner (serving in Chiba, Japan) – Chiba, known throughout Japan for its peanuts, has been my home prefecture since language school. Thirty-six

years ago, when I first arrived in Japan, there were only three small churches in Chiba; today there is a presbytery. The school that was started to educate the missionary kids is now largely Japanese, and several families have moved closer to the school: clearly CCSI is meeting a deeply felt need in the lives of Christian Japanese families. Please pray for Chiba: 1. CCSI: to be an effective tool in God's hands to raise up Japanese covenant kids to serve Christ and build His church. 2. The teachers: to be growing in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ; to connect with the students, to model the mature Christian life. 3. The Gospel: to go out with power in the Holy Spirit.

2. Please be in prayer for the Pearre family as they mourn the loss of Buckey – though all are blessed to know that he is present with the Lord.
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:	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 163-171)
NEXT Sunday	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 18, 2025

Text: Mark 1:14-20

Sermon Title: "Repent and Believe"

Delivered By: Pastor Robert Bell

Main Point 1: The Call of the Kingdom: Be Converted!

Main Point 2: The Community of the Kingdom: Be Committed!

Main Point 3: The Christ of the Kingdom: Be Conformed!