

The Lord's Day

May 25, 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...

¹⁸ All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:18-20

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicaea

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

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

RE Jeff Soule

We praise our great God

Call to Worship (Responsive)

taken from Isaiah 59 & 60

We wait for the light, and lo! There is darkness; and for brightness, but we walk in gloom.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples.

But the LORD will rise upon you, and nations shall come to your light.

The sun shall no longer be your light by day, not for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night.

For the LORD will be our everlasting light, and our God will be our glory.

Invocation

Hymn No. 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,

Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been

Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,

Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;

Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for e'er we adore him.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalm 92

- ¹ It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
² **to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,**
³ to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
⁴ **For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**
⁵ How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!
⁶ **The stupid man cannot know; the fool cannot understand this:**
⁷ that though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish,
they are doomed to destruction forever; ⁸ but you, O Lord, are on high forever.
⁹ For behold, your enemies, O Lord, for behold, your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.
¹⁰ **But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil.**
¹¹ My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.
¹² **The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**
¹³ They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.
¹⁴ **They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,**
¹⁵ to declare that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Our Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 26

How does Christ execute the office of a king?
Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

God's Provision for His People (Responsive)

Ephesians 6:10-13

- ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.
¹² **For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.**
¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
 The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears;
 Before the throne my Surety stands,
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 My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
 His all redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;
 His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
 His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
 And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
 They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
 "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
 "forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
 "nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; his pard'ning voice I hear;
 He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
 With confidence I now draw nigh,
 with confidence I now draw nigh,
 And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

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

The Lord is My Light

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 The Aisquith Choir

The Lord is my Light and my salvation, Whom, then, shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, Of whom then shall I be afraid? Though an host of men were laid against me, Yet shall not my heart be afraid; And though there rose up war against me, Yet will I put my trust in Him. For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in his tabernacle, Yes, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me, And set me up upon a rock of stone. The Lord is my Light and my salvation, Whom, then, shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, Of whom shall I be afraid?

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 1:21-28

Pew Bible pg. 836

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Sermon

“All Authority”

Pastor Bell

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

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn No. 300

Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power

O Quanta Qualia

Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore
Give ye to him who our battle hath won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Soundeth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name;
Ringeth the earth with his glory and fame;
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower
Echo his praises and tell of his power.

Ever ascendeth the song and the joy;
Ever descendeth the love from on high;
Blessing and honor and glory and praise—
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

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

Danish

Postlude

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Wm. J. Kirkpatrick

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!

We give thanks this Memorial Day Weekend for all those who made the ultimate sacrifice to both give us and to protect our freedom.

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Tomorrow (Monday, May 26) is both Julie Ceselsky and Anna Graham's birthdays, and Saturday (May 31) is Jim Moultrup's birthday.

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: Helping Up Mission – Please be in prayer for the staff and volunteers at the Helping Up Mission as they seek to serve both men and women struggling with addiction and homelessness in Baltimore City. Pray that the Lord would speak to the spiritual need of those within their various programs.
2. 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:	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	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 25, 2025

Text: Mark 1:21-28

Sermon Title: “All Authority”

Delivered By: Pastor Robert Bell

Main Point 1: An Authority that Challenges our Conventions.

Main Point 2: An Authority that Confronts our Condition.

Main Point 3: An Authority that Changes our Commitment.