

# *The Lord's Day*

June 8, 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...*

*What is the chief and highest end of man? **Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him forever.***

The Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 1

Prelude

*Processional in C*

Sandra Eithan  
The Aisquith Handbell Choir

*Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.*

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

## **We praise our great God**

Call to Worship

Psalms 18:1-2

<sup>1</sup> I love you, O Lord, my strength.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Invocation

Hymn No. 500

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

New City Fellowship

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

## We embrace Christ through His Word

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalms 139:1-18, 23-24

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

<sup>2</sup> **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> **Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.**

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.**

<sup>7</sup> Where shall I go from your Spirit?

**Or where shall I flee from your presence?**

<sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

**If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

<sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

<sup>10</sup> **even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.**

<sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"

<sup>12</sup> **even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.**

<sup>13</sup> For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup> **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

<sup>15</sup> **My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

<sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, **the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.**

<sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

**How vast is the sum of them!**

<sup>18</sup> If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

**I awake, and I am still with you.**

<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart!

**Try me and know my thoughts!**

<sup>24</sup> And see if there be any grievous way in me, **and lead me in the way everlasting!**

Our Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 45-47

Which is the first commandment?

**The first commandment is, *You shall have no other gods before me.***

What is required in the first commandment?

**The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and worship and glorify him accordingly.**

What is forbidden in the first commandment?

**The first commandment forbids the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying, the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other.**

Jesus' Summation of the Law

Luke 10:27

**“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”**

Individual Confession of Sin

Our Salvation Secured

Revelation 20:11-12b

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life.

Hymn No. 485

*O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry*

Hamburg

O thou that hear'st when sinners cry, though all my crimes before thee lie,  
Behold them not with angry look, but blot their mem'ry from thy book.

Create my nature pure within, and form my soul averse to sin;  
Let thy good Spirit ne'er depart, nor hide thy presence from my heart.

I cannot live without thy light, cast out and banished from thy sight;  
Thy holy joys my God, restore, and guard me, that I fall no more.

A broken heart, my God, my King, is all the sacrifice I bring;  
The God of grace will ne'er despise a broken heart for sacrifice.

My soul lies humbled in the dust, and owns thy dreadful sentence just;  
Look down, O Lord, with pitying eye, and save the soul condemned to die.

Thy will I teach the world thy ways; sinners shall learn thy sovereign grace;  
I'll lead them to my Savior's blood, and they shall praise a pard'ning God.

**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

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J.S. Bach  
The Aisquith Handbell Choir

*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**

<sup>1</sup> And Hannah prayed and said,

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.

Sermon

“Hannah’s Prayer – Part 1: Yahweh’s Praise”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

**We respond to God’s Grace**

Hymn No. 100

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Nicaea

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and ever more shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

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

Danish

Postlude

*O For a Thousand Tongues*

Azmon  
The Aisquith Handbell Choir

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

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### **Announcements**

**We welcome and thank** the Aisquith Handbell Choir for their participation in our worship service this morning.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries this week:** Today (June 8) is Bill & Jayne Kuegler's anniversary, tomorrow (June 9) is Jeff Soule's birthday, Wednesday (June 11) is Mercy Nnanna's birthday, Thursday (June 12) is Steve & Evelyn King's anniversary, Saturday (June 14) is Dave & Laura Newman's anniversary, and next Sunday (June 15) is both Bob & Melody Bell's and George & Janet Johnson's anniversaries.

### **Prayer Requests**

1. Please continue to be in prayer for John Schaller as he recovers in the hospital from surgery this past week. Pray that his rehab will go well and that he will be able to return to his normal life as much as possible.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Carol Berry, Jean Evans' sister, as she recovers from surgery and undergoes continuing treatment for cancer.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Drew Calhoun, Mark Fisher's step father, who has been diagnosed with Metastatic cancer. Please pray for comfort and for wisdom for those who will be caring for him.
4. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Larry & Sandy Rockwell – Peru – Please pray for the Lord's blessing of many of the conversations that Larry has had with local shepherds, that relationships would continue to be built, and that many would respond to the Gospel.
5. 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**

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| TODAY:      | 9:00 AM  | Sunday School for all ages<br>Children – Rooms 16 & 17<br>Adults – Room 11 |
|             | 10:30 AM | Lord's Day Worship Service                                                 |
|             | 12:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal – Rooms 26 & 27                                            |
| Tuesday     | 7:00 PM  | Session Meeting – Room 38                                                  |
| NEXT Sunday | 10:30 AM | Lord's Day Worship Service                                                 |

### **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: June 8, 2025

Text: 1 Samuel 2:1-3

Sermon Title: "Hannah's Prayer – Part 1: Yahweh's Praise"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: We must live to praise Yahweh alone.

Main Point 1: The God we Praise.

Point 1: There is None.

- A. Like You. (vs. 2a)
- B. Beside You. (vs. 2b)
- C. Rock like our God. (vs. 2c)

Point 2: The judge of all mankind.

- A. God of Knowledge. (vs. 3c)
- B. God who Weighs. (vs. 3d)

Main Point 2: The People who Praise.

Point 1: With all of our Heart (vs. 1b)

Point 2: With all of our Strength. (vs. 1c)

Point 3: With all of our Voice. (vs. 1d,e)