

The Lord's Day

June 15, 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...

May the Lord Jesus ... support me ... under this heavy affliction which would certainly have overcome me, had not He, who raises up the prostrate, strengthens the weak, and refreshes the weary, stretched forth His hand from heaven to me.

John Calvin (after his wife died)

Prelude

How Great Thou Art

Swedish Melody

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

Psalm 148:1-6

¹ Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his hosts!

³ Praise him, sun and moon,

praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,

and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord!

For he commanded and they were created.

⁶ And he established them forever and ever;

he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Invocation

Hymn No. 111

This Is My Father's World

Terra Beata

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,

All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought

Of rocks and trees of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Our Confession of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith III.1

God from all eternity did by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass; yet so as thereby neither is God the author of sin; nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established.

Our Acknowledgment of God's Sovereignty (Responsive)

Romans 9:14-24

¹⁴ What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means!

¹⁵ **For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."**

¹⁶ So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.

¹⁷ **For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."**

¹⁸ So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

¹⁹ **You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?"**

²⁰ But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?"

²¹ **Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?**

²² What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,

²³ **in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory**

²⁴ even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

Prayer of Submission to Our Sovereign

Our Acknowledgement of Our Sinfulness

James 1:12-15

¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Individual Confession of Sin

The Goodness of Our Sovereign

James 1:16-18

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Hymn No. 75

O Father, You Are Sovereign

St. Theodulph

O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made;
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
Sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man;
No pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,
You hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign, the Lord of human pain,
Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.
All evil overruling, as none by Conqu'ror could,
Your love pursues its purpose – our souls' eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now,
But soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad home before us our faith springs up anew;
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you!

We acknowledge God's blessings

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

A Mighty Fortress

Martin Luther
The Aisquith Choir

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing; Our helper He amid the flood of mortal
ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are great;
and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal. Did we in our own strength confide, Our
striving would be losing; Were not the right man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask Who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He; Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the
same, And He must win the battle. A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing is our
God.

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 2:4-8

Pew Bible pg. 226

⁴ The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble bind on strength.
⁵ Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.
The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.
⁶ The Lord kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
⁷ The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low and he exalts.
⁸ He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
and on them he has set the world.

Sermon

“Hannah’s Prayer – Part 2: Yahweh’s Providence”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn

In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid,

Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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

Danish

Postlude

Thine Is The Glory (Tune: Judas Maccabeus)

G.F. Handel

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

Announcements

Happy Father's Day to all of the fathers and grandfathers present with us today!

We welcome and thank the Aisquith Choir for their participation in our worship service throughout the year. This will be their last Sunday with us until the Fall.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Today (June 15) is both Bob & Melody Bell's and George & Janet Johnson's anniversaries; Tuesday (June 17) is Mark & Betty Werner's anniversary; and next Sunday (June 22) is Dave Newman's birthday.

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 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.
3. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Beachmont Christian Ministries – Please pray for the Lord's blessing on the many who will be attending camp at Beachmont this summer. Pray that the Lord would open hearts to the Gospel and that many would come to know Christ. Pray as

well for those who will be serving as counselors and junior-counselors, that they will reflect Christ to the children who participate.

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: 10:30 AM Lord's Day Worship Service
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 15, 2025

Text: 1 Samuel 2:4-8

Sermon Title: "Hannah's Prayer – Part 2: Yahweh's Providence"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The Christian rests in Yahweh's sovereign hand.

Main Point 1: Yahweh Demolishes Human Values.

Point 1: Strength. (v. 4)

Point 2: Wealth. (v. 5a)

Point 3: Fertility. (v. 5b)

Main Point 2: Yahweh Directs Human Destiny.

Point 1: Life. (vs. 6)

Point 2: Financial Standing. (vs. 7a)

Point 3: Social Standing. (vs. 7b)

Main Point 3: Yahweh's Defense of His Actions

Point 1: Creator. (v. 8b)

Point 2: Redeemer. (v. 8a)