

The Lord's Day

June 29, 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...

We live in a world of sin and sorrow. The days of darkness in a man's life are many... Let us be armed with a receipt against despair, before our troubles come. Let us know what to do, when sickness, or bereavement, or cross, or loss, or disappointment breaks in upon us like an armed man. Let us do as they did in Simon's house at Capernaum. Let us at once "tell Jesus."

J.C. Ryle

Prelude

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Morecambe

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

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

Pastor John Ceselsky

We praise our great God

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Psalm 105:1-5,7,8a

1 Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! ²

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

³ **Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**

⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

⁵ **Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

⁷ He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth. ⁸ He remembers his covenant forever.

Invocation

Hymn No. 26

Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

Woodlands

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;

Tender to me the promise of his word;

In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name;

Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

His mercy sure, from age to age the same;

His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might;

Pow'rs and dominion lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forever more.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalms 146

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
² **I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
³ Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
⁴ **When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**
⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,
⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**
⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free; ⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.
⁹ **The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**
¹⁰ The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the Lord!

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

1 John 1:8,9; 2:1b,2

⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
⁹ **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
¹ But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Our Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 32

Why are you called a Christian?
Because I am a member of Christ by faith, and thus am a partaker of His anointing; that so I may confess His name, and present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him; and also that with a free and good conscience I may fight against sin and Satan in this life, and afterwards reign with Him eternally, over all creatures.

Hymn No. 140

O Word of God Incarnate

Munich

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;
We praise thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from her dear Master received the gift divine,
And still that light she lifteth o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket, where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heav'n-drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.

It floateth like a banner before God's host unfurled;
It shineth like a beacon above the darkling world.
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea,
'mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.

O make thy church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
To bear before the nations thy true light, as of old.
O teach thy wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.

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 Old Rugged Cross

George Bernard
Soloist: RE Jeff Soule, Bass

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain. **So I'll cherish the old rugged cross. Till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.** Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me; For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above, to bear it to dark Calvary. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear; Then he'll call me someday to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share.

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 1:29-39

Pew Bible pg. 836

²⁹ And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹ And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ And he healed many who were sick with

various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷ and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” ³⁸ And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Sermon

“The Gracious Healer”

Pastor Bell

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

We respond to God’s Grace

Hymn No. 644

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

St. Leonards

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow’r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through his pow’r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

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

Danish

Postlude

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Thee

Hyfrydol
Arr. K. Dean

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 as he delivers God’s Word.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Today (June 29) is Lorna Lee’s birthday; Tomorrow (June 30) is Carol Carson’s birthday; Wednesday (July 2) is both Aaron Bell’s birthday and George & Ruth Ellen Beerli’s anniversary; and next Sunday (July 6) is Maddox Bell’s birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to keep the Sunderland family in prayer as they mourn the loss of Bonnie.

2. Please continue to be in prayer for Debbie DeFord as she recovers from shoulder surgery. Please pray for a quick and full recovery.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for John Schaller as he continues in rehab following his surgery. Pray that his rehab will go well and that he will be able to return to his normal life as much as possible.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Drew Calhoun, Mark Fisher's stepfather, who has been diagnosed with Metastatic cancer. Please pray for comfort and for wisdom for those who will be caring for him.
5. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Eric & Anna Graham – Please pray for Eric & Anna, and their 4 children as they are travelling throughout the states on HMA through the end of August. Pray for the Lord's travelling mercies and that they will be able to raise the additional funds that they need for their support account.
6. 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 with The Lord's Supper

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 29, 2025

Text: Mark 1:29-39

Sermon Title: "The Gracious Healer"

Delivered By: Robert Bell

Main Point 1: The Miracles of Healing: *The Kingdom is extended through gracious service.*

Point 1: Private Intimacy.

Point 2: Public Intensity.

Main Point 2: The Master's Heart: *The Kingdom is extended through gracious submission.*

Main Point 3: The Message of Hope: *The Kingdom is extended through gracious speech.*