

The Lord's Day

July 13, 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...

Mothers still make garments for their children – not on the loom or with their busy needles, merely, but by their holy ennobling characters displayed from day to day before young and quickly observant eyes, by their words and conversation, and by the habits of their daily devotion.

F.B. Meyer

Prelude

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord

Mendelssohn

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

Psalms 95:1-2

¹ Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Invocation

Hymn No. 165

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Lyons

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh—his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,
All glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels adore,
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

We embrace Christ through His Word

The Righteous Judgment of God

Psalm 90:8

You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

Our Confession of Sin & Plea for God's Mercy (Responsive)

Psalm 51

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- ² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**
- ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,**
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
- ⁵ **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**
- ⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- ⁷ **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- ⁹ **Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ **Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- ¹³ **Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.**
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ¹⁵ **O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**
- ¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- ¹⁷ **The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**
- ¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;
- ¹⁹ **then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.**

Individual Prayer of Confession

The Promise of God's Presence

Revelation 21:1-3

- ¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Our Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 90

What shall be done to the righteous at the day of judgment?

At the day of judgment, the righteous, being caught up to Christ in the clouds, shall be set on His right hand, and there openly acknowledged and acquitted, shall join with Him in the judging of reprobate angels and men, and shall be received into heaven, where they shall be fully and for ever freed from all sin and misery; filled with inconceivable joys, made perfectly holy and happy both in body and soul, in the company of innumerable saints and holy angels, but especially in the immediate vision and fruition of God the Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, to all eternity. And this is the perfect and full communion, which the members of the invisible church shall enjoy with Christ in glory, at the resurrection and day of judgment.

Hymn No. 642

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Son!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

Largo (from: *Xerxes*)

G.F. Handel

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 2:18-21

Pew Bible pg. 226

¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy clothed with a linen ephod. ¹⁹ And his mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰ Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord give you children by this woman for the petition she asked of the Lord." So then they would return to their home.

²¹ Indeed the Lord visited Hannah, and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew in the presence of the Lord.

Sermon

"Abundant Blessings"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn No. 32

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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

Danish

Postlude

No One Ever Cared For Me, Like Jesus

Charles Weigle

I would love to tell you what I think of Jesus. Since I found in Him a friend so strong and true; I would tell you how He changed my life completely, He did something that no other friend could do. No one ever cared for me like Jesus. There's no other friend so kind as He; no one else could take the sin and darkness from me, Oh how much He cared for Me!

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

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Today (July 13) is John & Gwen Cicone's anniversary and George Johnson's birthday; tomorrow (July 14) is Joe & Diane Eisenmeier's anniversary; Tuesday (July 15) is George Beerli's birthday; Thursday (July 17) is Janet Johnson's birthday; and Friday (July 18) is George & Fran Oswinkle's anniversary.

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for Liam Bell as he serves the Lord this week in Tijuana, Mexico. Liam is on a mission trip with Hunt Valley Church. Please pray for safety, that this would be a wonderful blessing in Liam's faith-walk, and that the Lord would be pleased to use Liam's, and the team's labors for His glory and the spreading of the Gospel.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Lee Cade's wife, Jacqueline, as she recovers from surgery earlier this week.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Dave Carson as he has been diagnosed with Leukemia and is receiving home hospice care. Please pray for his wife, Carol, as she cares for him as well.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for the Schaller (Leubecker and Townsend) family as they continue to mourn John's passing.
5. Please continue to be in prayer for Debbie DeFord as she recovers from shoulder surgery this past week. Please pray for a quick and full recovery.
6. 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.
7. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Chuy & Amy Acosta – Chuy and Amy are so thankful for all of the prayer, donations, and help they have received in the aftermath of the fires in their home. Much work has been accomplished and they have received tremendous donations. They are also thankful for the children entrusted into their care, and give special thanks for Pati, who just graduated this year.
8. 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

Thursday	4:00 PM	Memorial Service for John Schaller
NEXT Sunday	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Called Joint Board Meeting - Library

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: July 13, 2025

Text: 1 Samuel 2:18-21

Sermon Title: "Abundant Blessings"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Yahweh abundantly blesses His people.

Main Point 1: The young priest blessed.

Point 1: Ephod. (vs. 18)

Point 2: Robe. (vs. 19)

Point 3: Family.

Main Point 2: The High Priest blesses. (vs. 20)

Main Point 3: Yahweh blesses. (vs. 21)

Point 1: Yahweh's abundance.

Point 2: Yahweh's presence.