

The Lord's Day

October 12, 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...

The problem is that the sons of great leaders, with some exceptions, are seldom great leaders themselves. Moreover, it is God who provides leaders for his people, and the practice of nepotism runs contrary to the idea of God's special calling in his church. Godly character, not bloodline, qualifies men to lead the church. Richard Phillips

Prelude *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* (tune: Maryton) H. Percy Smith
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 106:47-48

⁴⁷ Save us, O Lord our God,
and gather us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise.

⁴⁸ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!
And let all the people say, "Amen!"
Praise the Lord!

Invocation

Hymn

O Church Arise

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O church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,

But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 31

Why is He called Christ, that is, anointed?

Because He is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Ghost, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; and to be our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body, has redeemed us, and makes continual intercession with the Father for us; and also to be our eternal King, who governs us by His word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in (the enjoyment of) that salvation, He has purchased for us.

Our Call to Faith

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

Our Calling to Obedience

Exodus 19:4-6

⁴ You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall

be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.

Our Calling to Faithfulness (Responsive)

1 Peter 2:1-12

¹ So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

² **Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it [we] may grow up into salvation—**

³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ **As [we] come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,**

⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: **“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”**

⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, **“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”**

⁸ and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ **Once [[we] were not a people, but now [we] are God's people; once [we] had not received mercy, but now [we] have received mercy.**

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

¹² **Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.**

Hymn No. 647

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

St. Peter

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.

Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,
My never failing treas'ry filled with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death.

We acknowledge God's blessings

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Eternal Life

Olive Dungen
The Aisquith Choir

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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 7:15-8:6a

Pew Bible pg. 230

¹⁵ Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. ¹⁶ And he went on a circuit year by year to Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpah. And he judged Israel in all these places. ¹⁷ Then he would return to Ramah, for his home was there, and there also he judged Israel. And he built there an altar to the Lord. ^{8:1} When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. ² The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. ³ Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice. ⁴ Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah ⁵ and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations." ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us."

Sermon

"A New Routine"

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**)

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Postlude

Meditation on: *Praise Ye the Father*

(Flemming) arr. K. Dean

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

Announcements

Pastor Ceselsky will be away for 1 week beginning on Wednesday. Please contact one of the elders if any need arises.

Nominations for Elder, Deacon, or Deaconess can be made to Pastor Ceselsky or one of the elders.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes are available in the narthex. If you would like to fill a box (or boxes) this year, please return them to the church no later than Sunday, November 23.

Movie & Fellowship Afternoon: Aisquith will be hosting a second movie and fellowship opportunity on Saturday, October 25 at 1 PM. Join us in front of our own big screen (Rm 11) to view *Sergeant York* (1941) starring Gary Cooper, Walter Brennan, and Joan Leslie. This Oscar winning hit chronicles the transformation of Alvin C York from a young, coarse TN farmer to devout Christian and World War I hero. Invite family and friends to join in this fellowship opportunity. The more the merrier! We ask that you bring a snack to share. Kindly direct questions to Jeff or Libby Soule.

Donations for the Roof repair can be made through the ARC Fund. Please use a pink envelope and label it "ARC" or "Roof."

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Tuesday (October 14) is Andrew & Shannon Bell's Anniversary and Mark Fisher's Birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Rick Willis' brother, Robert, as he moves into the Rehab phase of his recovery from a stroke last month.

2. Please continue to be in prayer for Drew Calhoun, Mark Fisher's stepfather, who has been diagnosed with, and is receiving treatment for Metastatic cancer. Please pray for comfort and for wisdom for those who will be caring for him.
3. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Helping Up Mission – Please pray that the Lord would bless this ministry as it seeks to help those in need in Baltimore. Pray especially that the Lord would speak the Gospel into the hearts of those in recovery.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for those in our congregation who have on-going health concerns: Joyce Donohue, Evelyn King, Libby Soule & Ken Wilson.
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

TODAY:	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 Practice – Rooms 26-27
Tuesday:	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
	7:00 PM	Joint Board Meeting – Library
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare pages 18-27 of the Chronological Guide to the Bible)
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 Practice – Rooms 26-27

Coming Soon

Movie & Fellowship Afternoon – Saturday, October 25 – 1 PM
Reformation Worship Service – Broadneck EP Church – Sunday, October 26 – 3:30 PM

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: October 12, 2025

Text: 1 Samuel 7:15-8:6a

Sermon Title: "A New Routine"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: God's people routinely fall short, but the Lord is always faithful.

Main Point 1: Samuel's three offices.

Point 1: Judge. (vv.15 -17a)

Point 2: Priest. (v. 17b)

Point 3: Prophet. (vv. 3:19-20)

Main Point 2: Samuel's two sons.

Point 1: Pious names. (v. 2)

Point 2: Problematic appointment. (v. 1)

Point 3: Perverted practices. (v. 3)

Main Point 3: Samuel's singular (?) rejection.

Point 1: A King to Judge. (v. 5b)

Point 2: Like all the nations. (v. 5b)

Point 3: Yahweh. (v. 6a)