

The Lord's Day

October 26, 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...

Yahweh will sometimes give us our request to our own peril. God's granting our request may not be a sign of his favor but of our obstinacy. Sometimes God's greatest kindness is in not answering our prayer exactly as we desire.

Dale Ralph Davis

Prelude

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Kirkpatrick

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 46:1-3,10,11

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Invocation

Hymn No. 92

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

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.

And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure,
For lo! His doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them abideth;
The spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalms 106:1-15,44-48

- ¹ Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
- ² **Who can utter the mighty deeds of the Lord, or declare all his praise?**
- ³ Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!
- ⁴ **Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people; help me when you save them,**
- ⁵ that I may look upon the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory with your inheritance.
- ⁶ **Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness.**
- ⁷ Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wondrous works; they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love, but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea.
- ⁸ **Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power.**
- ⁹ He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry, and he led them through the deep as through a desert.
- ¹⁰ **So he saved them from the hand of the foe and redeemed them from the power of the enemy.**
- ¹¹ And the waters covered their adversaries; not one of them was left.
- ¹² **Then they believed his words; they sang his praise.**
- ¹³ But they soon forgot his works; they did not wait for his counsel.
- ¹⁴ **But they had a wanton craving in the wilderness, and put God to the test in the desert;**
- ¹⁵ he gave them what they asked, but sent a wasting disease among them.
- ⁴⁴ **Nevertheless, he looked upon their distress, when he heard their cry.**
- ⁴⁵ For their sake he remembered his covenant, and relented according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
- ⁴⁶ **He caused them to be pitied by all those who held them captive.**
- 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!

Our Confession of Sin (Responsive)

Romans 1:18-26a,28-32

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

¹⁹ **For what can be known about God is plain to [us], because God has shown it to [us].**

²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.

So [we] are without excuse.

²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²² **Claiming to be wise, [we] became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.**

²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,

²⁵ **because [we] exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.**

²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions.

²⁸ **And since [we] did not see fit to acknowledge God,**

God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

²⁹ **[We] were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice.**

They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness.

[We] are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

³² Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, **[we] not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.**

Individual Confession of Sin

The Prayer of Faith

James 5:13-16

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Hymn No. 629

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a Friend

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is their trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

We acknowledge God's blessings

Hymn Introduction

The Lord Bless You

Mrs. Candace Short

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

Holy Spirit, Live in Me

Fanny Crosby
The Aisquith Choir

Holy Spirit, live in me; More like Jesus let me be: Fill my soul with peace and love, Make me gentle as a dove. More like Jesus as I go – Pilgrim in this world below; Poor in spirit I would be, Holy Spirit, live in Me. More like Jesus when I pray, More, like Jesus day by day; More like Him each day; He will teach me how to live, Teach me how to live, all my sinful ways forgive, He'll forgive. O, by grace renewed, my will subdued; Rich in faith I would be, Holy Spirit, live in me; Holy Spirit, live in me.

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 8:4-10

Pew Bible pg. 230

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." And Samuel prayed to the Lord. ⁷ And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸ According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. ⁹ Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

¹⁰ So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking for a king from him.

Sermon

"You Can't Always Get What You Want"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn No. 565

All for Jesus!

Wycliff

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'ers,
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform his bidding, let my feet run in his ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth his praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;
So enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

O what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call me his beloved, lets me rest beneath his wings.

Choral Benediction and Three-Fold Amen (**Hymnal, pg. 740**) *The Lord Bless You* Peter C. Lutkin
The Aisquith Choir

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace,
and give you peace; The Lord make His face to shine upon you, And be gracious unto you, be
gracious, The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.

Postlude *The Power of the Cross* Getty/Townend

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

Announcements

Daylight Savings Ends NEXT Sunday. Please set your clocks BACK 1 hour next Saturday night so that you will be on time for Sunday School and Worship.

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.

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: Tomorrow (October 27) is Brenna Bell's Birthday, Tuesday (October 28) is Noe & Angela Andrade's Anniversary, Wednesday (October 29) is both Jacqueline Cade & Ken Schumann's Birthdays, and Saturday (November 1) is Riley Franklin's Birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. 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 as well for Yuki's father in Japan, who has also now been diagnosed with cancer – pray that a treatment plan will be created, and pray for the family as they are so far away.

2. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Amy & Chuy Acosta – Please pray for Amy as she recovers from surgery on her ankle. While in the states Amy fell, but she had to wait until she returned home to Mexico for needed surgery. The surgery went well, but she will need to be off of her feet for several weeks and then have extensive rehab. Please pray for the Lord’s blessing and for the family and ministry while she is incapacitated.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for those in our congregation who have on-going health concerns: Joyce Donohue, Evelyn King, Libby Soule, Robert Willis & Ken Wilson.
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:	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
	3:30 PM	Reformation Worship Service – Broadneck Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Tuesday:	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
	7:00 PM	Men’s Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare Lesson 4 on Daniel 3:1-30 (Pages 39-46))
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women’s Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare pages 29-35 of the Chronological Guide to the Bible)
Saturday		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS!
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 with The Lord’s Supper
	12:00 PM	Choir Practice – Rooms 26-27

Coming Soon

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service – Wednesday, November 26 – 7 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 26, 2025

Text: 1 Samuel 8:4-10

Sermon Title: “You Can’t Always Get What You Want”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: God is willing to give people what they say they want.

Main Point 1: The People to Samuel: “Give us what we want!” (v. 5)

Main Point 2: Samuel to the Lord: “Do you hear what they want?” (v. 6)

Main Point 3: The Lord to Samuel: “Give them what they want.”

Point 1: They have rejected ME! (v. 7)

Point 2: They have rejected you. (v. 8)

Point 3: Obey their voice. (vv. 7,9)

Point 4: Warn them. (v. 9)

Main Point 4: Samuel to the People: “You will get what you want.” (v. 10)