

The Lord's Day

February 1, 2026 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...

This is the way for our churches to be happy and blessed: for God-honoring leadership to receive the approval of God's people, as the whole church renews its commitment to God's grace, in accordance with the teaching of God's Word.

Richard Phillips

Prelude

O Sacred Head

J.S. Bach

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

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Invocation

Hymn No. 156

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

St. Theodulph

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord Most Holy, your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

Love caused your incarnation, love brought you down to me;
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace,
In love all love excelling, our lost and fallen race!

Rejoice, then, you sad hearted, who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn o'er joys departed and tremble at your doom.
Despair not, he is near you, yea, standing at the door,
Who best can help and cheer you and bids you weep no more.

Sin's debt, that fearful burden, let not your souls distress;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon and cover by his grace.
He comes, for men procuring the peace of sin forgiv'n,
For all God's sons securing their heritage in heaven.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Our Present Tribulation

John 16:33

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace.
In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

Jesus' Promise of Peace

John 14:25-27

²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The Fruit of the Spirit (Responsive)

Galatians 5:16-24

¹⁶ Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

¹⁷ **For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh,**

for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

¹⁸ **But if [we] are led by the Spirit, [we] are not under the law.**

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,

²⁰ **idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,**

²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.

I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

²³ **gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.**

²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

We Confess Our Lack of Peace

Our Confession of Christ (Responsive)

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

¹³ **bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven [us], so [we] also must forgive.**

¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

¹⁵ **And let the peace of Christ rule in [our] hearts, to which indeed [we] were called in one body. And be thankful.**

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

¹⁷ **And whatever [we] do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;
 Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
 Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
 Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
 Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.
 Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,
 Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;
 Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.
 No other work, save thine, no other blood will do;
 No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
 And with unfalt'ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.
 His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb
 Each thought of unbelief and fear, each ling'ring shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;
 He calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.
 'Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;
 I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (**in unison**)

RE Riley B. Franklin

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Peace, Be Still
 Mr. Raymond Green, Trumpet & Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr., Organ

Horatio Palmer

Master, the tempest is raging! The billows are tossing high! The sky is o'ershadowed with blackness; No shelter or help is nigh; Carest Thou not we perish? How canst Thou lie asleep, When each moment so madly is threatening A grace in the angry deep? **The winds and the waves shall obey My will, Peace, be still! Whether the wrath of the storm-tossed sea, Or demons, or men, or whatever it be, No water can swallow the ship where lies The Master of ocean, and earth, and skies; They shall sweetly obey My will; Peace, be still! Peace, be still! They all shall sweetly obey My will; Peace, be still!** Master, with anguish of spirit I bow in my grief today; The depths of my sad heart are troubled; O waken and save, I pray! Torrents of sin and of anguish Sweep o'er my sinking soul; And I perish! I perish! dear Master; O hasten, and take control. **(Refrain)** Master, the terror is over, The elements sweetly rest; Earth's sun in the calm lake is mirrored, And heaven's within my breast; Linger, O blessed Redeemer, Leave me alone no more; And with joy I shall make the blest harbor, And rest on the blissful shore.
(Refrain)

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 and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 11:12-15

Pew Bible pg. 233

¹² Then the people said to Samuel, "Who is it that said, 'Shall Saul reign over us?' Bring the men, that we may put them to death." ¹³ But Saul said, "Not a man shall be put to death this day, for today the Lord has worked salvation in Israel." ¹⁴ Then Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingdom." ¹⁵ So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal. There they sacrificed peace offerings before the Lord, and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

Sermon

"True Peace"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

Hymn

Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross

**So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King**

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you
Eat and remember
The wounds that healed the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one

So we share...

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you
Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God

So we share ...

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body He loves us

**As we share in his suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And with joy in the feast of Heaven
Around the table of the King
Around the table of the King**

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn No. 295

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

(Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
To thee be endless praise, for thou for us hast died.
Be thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified!)

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail through out eternity.

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

Danish

Postlude

Amazing Grace John Newton
Mr. Raymond Green, Trumpet & Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr., Organ

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

Announcements

We welcome Mr. Raymond Green as he plays the trumpet during our worship service this morning.

Contact Information for Pastor Ceselsky: Please note that John & Julie no longer have a home phone number. To reach Pastor Ceselsky, please use his cell number (in the church directory) or call the church.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is hereby called for 12:00 PM NEXT Sunday. The purpose of this meeting is to review the annual reports and vote on changes to Aisquith's By-Laws (copies of the proposed By-Laws may be found in the narthex).

2025 Year End Reports are available in the narthex. Please take only 1 per family.

In the case of bad weather on days when we have Bible studies, or on Sundays; notifications of cancellations or schedule changes will be made via blast email, text alerts, a bar at the top of the main page of our website, and on the church's answering system.

The Scheduled Movie and Fellowship Afternoon has been postponed indefinitely. We will let you know more when the event is rescheduled.

Donations for the Roof repair can be made through the ARC Fund. Please use a pink envelope and label it "ARC" or "Roof." Total Project Cost: \$126,505.00 – Amount Raised through January 2026: \$24,719.00.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Wednesday (February 4) is John Cicone's Birthday, Thursday (February 5) is Jean Evans' Birthday, and Friday (February 6) is Debbie DeFord's Birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for the Andrade family as they rejoice in the birth of Fabiola Atziri Andrade on Tuesday. Please pray for Angela as she recovers and also pray for Noe, Tatiana, Naomi, Daniella, and Damian.
2. We give thanks to the Lord for His grace, mercy and faithfulness to Joyce Donohue and praise Him for bringing her to himself.
3. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Larry and Sandy Rockwell – MTW Peru – Please be in prayer for Larry and Sandy as they continue to share the Gospel with the Quechua people. Pray for continued growth in relationships with the people and that they would be blessed to see the fruit of the labors for the Gospel in this region.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for those in our congregation who have on-going health concerns: Yoshio Amano (Yuki Fisher's father), Drew Calhoun (Mark Fisher's father), Evelyn King, Betty Jo Norris, Libby Soule, Robert Willis (Rick's brother) & 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 with The Lord's Supper

Tuesday:	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
	7:00 PM	Men’s Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare Lesson 6 on Daniel 5:1-31 (Pages 55-62))
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women’s Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare pages 77-81 of the Chronological Guide to the Bible)
Thursday:	6:00 PM	Choir Practice – Rooms 26-27
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	Annual Congregational Meeting

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: February 1, 2026

Text: 1 Samuel 11:12-15

Sermon Title: “True Peace”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: In all things, we must reflect the peace of the Lord’s Anointed.

Main Point 1: Saul’s Compassion.

Point 1: A sinful demand. (v. 12)

Point 2: A sincere interruption. (v. 13a)

Main Point 2: Saul’s Place.

Point 1: A faithful confession. (v. 13b)

Point 2: A prophet’s call. (v. 14)

Point 3: A proper standing. (v. 15a)

Main Point 3: Saul’s Worship. (v. 15b)