

The Lord's Day

February 8, 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...

The failure of anyone to come forward with a charge against Samuel testifies to his extraordinary godliness, and it reminds all Christians of the value of a clean record and a good name.

Richard Phillips

Prelude

Jesus Calls Us

(tune: Galilee) – William H. Jude

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 139:17-18,23-24

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

I awake, and I am still with you.

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts!

²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

Invocation

Hymn No. 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,

Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been

Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,

Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for e'er we adore him.

We embrace Christ through His Word

God's Calling upon His People

Micah 6:6-8

⁶ "With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Our Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Questions 123-125
Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 76,77

Which is the fifth commandment?

The fifth commandment is, *Honor your father and your mother: that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you.*

Who are meant by father and mother in the fifth commandment?

By father and mother, in the fifth commandment, are meant, not only natural parents, but all superiors in age and gifts; and especially such as, by God's ordinance, are over us in place of authority, whether in family, church, or commonwealth.

Why are superiors styled *father* and *mother*?

Superiors are styled *father* and *mother*, both to teach them in all duties toward their inferiors, like natural parents, to express love and tenderness to them, according to their several relations; and to work inferiors to a greater willingness and cheerfulness in performing their duties to their superiors, as to their parents.

Which is the ninth commandment?

The ninth commandment is, *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*

What is required in the ninth commandment?

The ninth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness-bearing.

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalm 26

¹ Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

² **Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.

⁴ **I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.**

⁵ I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

⁶ **I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,**

⁷ proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

⁸ **O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.**

⁹ Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

¹⁰ **in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

¹¹ But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

¹² **My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.**

Our Individual Prayer of Confession

Our Plea for The Lord's Vindication

Psalm 17:1-2

¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry!

Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!

² From your presence let my vindication come!

Let your eyes behold the right!

The Lord's Work on behalf of His People

Jeremiah 51:10

The Lord has brought about our vindication;
come, let us declare in Zion
the work of the Lord our God.

Hymn

In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

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

RE Jeff Soule

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place

Gordon Young
The Aisquith Choir

Let heav'nly music fill this place and all the harmonies of heav'n be heard; Let one grand song of praise of praise resound, one alleluia! Let mighty organs peal and roll and choirs invisible be heard; Let anthem grand now thrill my soul, one alleluia! O may we join the heav'nly choir that through the ages will sing on; In praise to Father and to Son, one alleluia! One alleluia!

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 12:1-5

Pew Bible pg. 233

¹ And Samuel said to all Israel, "Behold, I have obeyed your voice in all that you have said to me and have made a king over you. ² And now, behold, the king walks before you, and I am old and gray; and behold, my sons are with you. I have walked before you from my youth until this day. ³

Here I am; testify against me before the Lord and before his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Or whose donkey have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? Or from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? Testify against me and I will restore it to you.”⁴ They said, “You have not defrauded us or oppressed us or taken anything from any man's hand.”⁵ And he said to them, “The Lord is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand.” And they said, “He is witness.”

Sermon

“Samuel on Trial”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn No. 520

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Germany

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress;
‘midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies,
ev’n then this shall be all by plea, Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to thee, whose boundless mercy hath for me—
For me a full atonement made, an everlasting ransom paid.

O let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy banished ones rejoice;
Their beauty this, their glorious dress, Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.

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

Danish

Postlude

Thine Be The Glory

Edmond Louis Budry

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

Announcements

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is hereby called for TODAY following the worship service. 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.

Easter Tulips may be ordered again this year. The book to sign up is located in the narthex. The cost is \$10 (please use a pink envelope and label it “Flowers”) and the deadline to sign up is Sunday, March, 15.

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

Aisquith will be hosting a 3rd Movie and Fellowship Afternoon on Saturday, March 7 at 1:00 pm. We will be presenting *The King's Speech*. This Academy Award winning film chronicles the British monarchy during the 1930s. In the matter of merely a year, three Kings ruled. The movie focuses on how the new King, George VI, navigated his unexpected role. In the midst of Hitler's rise to power, and the advent of radio broadcasting, the new King finds he must overcome a significant stutter to address the British people. We kindly ask that you bring a snack to share.

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Saturday (February 14) is Verena Cabell's Birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for Liam Bell as he has been dealing with a racing heartbeat and chest tightness. Liam had bloodwork done last week and will see a cardiologist this week. Please pray that the doctors will be able to determine the cause and treat Liam's issues appropriately.
2. 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.
3. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: John & Gwen Cicone – Rafiki Foundation, Tanzania – We give praise that John & Gwen safely received 2 large containers containing curriculum, Bibles, and various other materials for the Rafiki Village and the churches that they partner with. Please pray for the Lord to bless the use of these curriculum and Bibles for His glory.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for those in our congregation who have on-going health concerns: 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
	12:00 PM	Congregational Meeting
Tuesday:	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
	7:00 PM	Session Meeting – John's Office
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare pages 82-87 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

Coming Soon

Saturday, March 7 at 1:00 PM – Movie & Fellowship Afternoon

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 8, 2026

Text: 1 Samuel 12:1-5

Sermon Title: “Samuel on Trial”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: God’s appointed leaders must remain faithful to their calling.

Main Point 1: Faithful leaders are obedient.

Point 1: Samuel obeyed the people’s voice. (vv. 1,2)

Point 2: Samuel obeyed the Lord.

Main Point 2: Faithful leaders serve justly.

Point 1: The Judge is judged. (v. 3)

Point 2: The Judge is acquitted. (vv. 4,5)