

The Lord's Day

April 12, 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...

Do you know that all things are possible with God – that nothing is too hard for him – that he can do anything? That is what Jesus taught. It is what the whole Bible teaches. It is what makes faith in God possible, important, and wise.

John Woodhouse

Prelude

Beautiful Garden of Prayer

K. Dean

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 33:1-5

- ¹ Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.
- ² Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
- ³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- ⁴ For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- ⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Invocation

Hymn No. 524

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Darwall

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done; then bid my fear depart.

To whom, save thee, who canst alone for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, upon the shameful tree,
Have paid the law's full price and purchased peace for me.

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load
Of sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God.

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:
No righteousness avails save that which is of thee.

We embrace Christ through His Word

The Means of Our Salvation (Responsive)

Romans 3:21-28

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law,
although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it

²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift,

through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ **Then what becomes of our boasting?**

It is excluded.

By what kind of law? By a law of works?

No, but by the law of faith.

²⁸ **For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.**

The Purpose of Our Salvation

Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The Requirement of Our Salvation (Responsive)

James 2:14-20

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?

Can that faith save him?

¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, **“Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body,** what good is that?

¹⁷ **So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.**

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.”

Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well.

Even the demons believe—and shudder!

²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?

Our Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith XVI.16.1-2

Good works are only such as God has commanded in His holy Word, and not such as, without the warrant thereof, are devised by men out of blind zeal, or upon any pretense of good intention.

These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life.

Hymn No. 9 (HMR)

Alive in Christ

Sola Gratia

I once was rebellious, corrupted by sin, pursuing the devil's dark path,
Oblivious, dead to the state I was in, an object of God's dreadful wrath.

But God who is rich in compassion and love, not leaving my soul to the grave,
Has given me life; born again from above, by God's sovereign grace I've been saved.

God lifted me up to the heavenly realms where seated with Christ I am free;
In ages to come he will show me more grace—so great is his kindness to me.

Since grace is the source of the life that is mine—and faith is a gift from on high—
I'll boast in my Savior, all merit decline, and glorify God 'til I die.

Yet now I am living with work to be done for I am God's workmanship too,
Created in Christ with a race to be run, which God has ordained me to do.

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

We Prepare to Enter God's Presence

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 105

What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

In the fifth petition, which is, *And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors*, we pray that God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.

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

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate (Ave Verum) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
The Aisquith Choir

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, Of the Virgin Mary born; On the cross thy sacred body, For us men, with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side. Feed us with Thy body broken, Now and in death's agony, Now, now, now, now and in death's agony.

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 & Sacrament

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 14:17

Pew Bible pg. 235

¹ One day Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who carried his armor, "Come, let us go over to the Philistine garrison on the other side." But he did not tell his father. ² Saul was staying in the outskirts of Gibeah in the pomegranate cave at Migron. The people who were with him were about six hundred men, ³ including Ahijah the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, son of Phinehas, son of Eli, the priest of the Lord in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people did not know that Jonathan had gone. ⁴ Within the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistine garrison, there was a rocky crag on the one side and a rocky crag on the other side. The name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. ⁵ The one crag rose on the north in front of Michmash, and the other on the south in front of Geba.

⁶ Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that the Lord will work for us, for nothing can hinder the Lord from saving by many or by few." ⁷ And his armor-bearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Do as you wish. Behold, I am with you heart and soul."

Sermon

"Contagious Faith"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

Hymn

Speak O Lord

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn No. 734

Gloria Patri

Meineke

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

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

Danish

Postlude

My Tribute

Crouch/Dean

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

Announcements

We will be hosting congregational fellowship Breakfast (continental Breakfast) next Sunday at 9:00 AM. During the breakfast, John & Gwen Cicone will be making a presentation on their work with the Rafiki Foundation in Tanzania. All are welcome and encouraged to come. If you are able to help with the breakfast, please let Pastor Ceselsky know.

We have reached our fundraising goal for General Assembly this year. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

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 (April 14) is Betty Werner's Birthday, Wednesday (April 15) is Evelyn King's Birthday, and Thursday (April 16) is Lois Owen's Birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Mark & Betty Werner's son-in-law, Tim's, sister (Sarah) as she continues to recover in the hospital as they are dealing with her bleeding issues.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for George Johnson's family in Israel. Jesse, George's grand-nephew has returned to the northern front of battle on the border with Lebanon.
3. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Cheryl Erb, Engaging with Disabilities – Please pray for Cheryl as she travels to North Carolina this week (and to Washington DC in two weeks) to provide training and lead small group discussions to help churches as they seek to minister to children within their congregation who struggle with various disabilities.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for those in our congregation who have on-going health concerns: Evelyn King, Betty Jo Norris, 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:	7:00 PM	Joint Board Meeting - Library
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare pages 142-145 of the Chronological Guide to the Bible)
	6:00 PM	Choir Practice – Rooms 26-27
NEXT Sunday	9:00 AM	Fellowship Breakfast & Missions Report with John & Gwen Cicone
	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service

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

Women's Care Ministry: Christine Clark, Debbie DeFord, Judi Mason, Fran Oswinkle, & Jeanne Williams (Moderator)

Sermon Notes

Date: April 12, 2026

Text: 1 Samuel 14:1-7

Sermon Title: "Contagious Faith"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: True Faith is a Living and Active Faith.

Main Point 1: A Royal Split.

Point 1: Jonathan. (v. 1)

Point 2: Saul. (vv. 2,3)

Main Point 2: A Rocky Ravine. (vv. 4,5)

Main Point 3: A Righteous Plan.

Point 1: come, let us go. (v. 6a)

Point 2: It may be. (v. 6b)

Point 3: I am with you. (v. 7)