

The Lord's Day

April 26, 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...

One man with God is always in the majority.

John Knox

Prelude

We Are God's People (Tune: Symphony) arr. 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

1 John 5:1-5

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Invocation

Hymn No. 286

Worship Christ, the Risen King!

Regent Square

Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:
“Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares.”
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow'r;
All hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.
He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!

Doubt may lift his head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
But the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.
He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

We embrace Christ through His Word

Our Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith XIII.2,3

Sanctification is throughout in the whole man, yet imperfect in this life: there abides still some remnants of corruption in every part, whence arises a continual and irreconcilable war, the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.

In which war, although the remaining corruption for a time may much prevail, yet, through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part does overcome: and so the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Our Calling in Sanctification (Responsive)

1 Peter 5:6-11

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

⁷ **casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.**

⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful.

Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

¹⁰ **And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ,**

will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

¹¹ **To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

Our Calling to Put on the Armor of God (Responsive)

Ephesians 6:10-18a

¹⁰ Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

¹¹ **Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.**

¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³ **Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.**

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

¹⁵ **and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.**

¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

¹⁷ **and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,**

¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

Hymn

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Diademata

Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies through his eternal Son,
Strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in his mighty pow'r,
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.

Stand then in his great might, with all his strength endued;
And take, to arm you for the fight, the panoply of God.
From strength to strength go on; wrestle and fight and pray;
Tread all the pow'rs of darkness down, and win the well-fought day.

Leave no unguarded place, no weakness of the soul;
Take every virtue, ev'ry grace, and fortify the whole.
That having all things done, and all your conflicts past,
Ye may o'ercome through Christ alone and stand complete at last.

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

We Prepare to Enter God's Presence

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 107

What does the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, which is, *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*, teaches us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him; and, in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, Amen.

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

RE Mark Werner

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Eternal Life

Olive Dungan
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 14:16-23

Pew Bible pg. 236

¹⁶ And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked, and behold, the multitude was dispersing here and there. ¹⁷ Then Saul said to the people who were with him, "Count and see who has gone from us." And when they had counted, behold, Jonathan and his armor-bearer were not there. ¹⁸ So Saul said to Ahijah, "Bring the ark of God here." For the ark of God went at that time with the people of Israel. ¹⁹ Now while Saul was talking to the priest, the tumult in the camp of the Philistines increased more and more. So Saul said to the priest, "Withdraw your hand." ²⁰ Then Saul and all the people who were with him rallied and went into the battle. And behold, every Philistine's sword was against his fellow, and there was very great confusion. ²¹ Now the Hebrews who had been with the Philistines before that time and who had gone up with them into the camp, even they also turned to be with the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan. ²² Likewise, when all the men of Israel who had hidden themselves in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines were fleeing, they too followed hard after them in the battle. ²³ So the Lord saved Israel that day. And the battle passed beyond Beth-aven.

Sermon

"The Ultimate Action Hero"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn No. 642

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Son!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

Danish

Postlude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

(Tune: Nettleton) arr. K. Dean

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

Announcements

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

Prayer Requests

1. We give thanks to the Lord with George Johnson that his great-nephew, Jesse, is now back home with his new wife. He is also planning a trip to the U.S. in May to introduce his wife to his family here.
2. Please pray for Candy Short as she prepares for surgery on May 5 to fix a detached lens in her left eye.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Debbie DeFord as she recovers from knee-replacement surgery this past Tuesday. Please pray for a full and speedy recovery.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Norm & Betty Jo Norris as they both recover from Covid.
5. Please continue to be in prayer for Mark & Betty Werner's son-in-law, Tim's, sister (Sarah) as she has returned to in the hospital because of her bleeding issues. Pray as well for her family as they are becoming overwhelmed by the situation.
6. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Helping Up Mission – please pray for those who serve at the Helping Up Mission, including DE Rick Willis, as they seek to minister to men and women in Baltimore City who struggle with addiction issues.
7. Please continue to be in prayer for those in our congregation who have on-going health concerns: Evelyn King; Maisie Manning's daughter, Yvonne; Betty Jo Norris; Robert Willis (Rick's brother) & Ken Wilson.
8. 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
Tuesday:	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare Lesson 10 on Daniel 9:1-27 (Pages 87-94))
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare pages 153-161 of the Chronological Guide to the Bible)
	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 with The Lord's Supper

Coming Soon

Missions Sunday with Calvin & Getta – MTW South Asia

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 26, 2026

Text: 1 Samuel 14:16-23

Sermon Title: "The Ultimate Action Hero"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The Lord alone saves His people.

Main Point 1: Those "Missing in Action."

Point 1: The Philistines (v. 16)

Point 2: Jonathan. (v. 17)

Main Point 2: Mis-Guided Religion in Action.

Point 1: Seeking God's Will? (v. 18)

Point 2: Impatience. (v. 19)

Main Point 3: Those in Action.

Point 1: The Philistines. (v. 20b).

Point 2: The Israelite Coalition. (vv. 20a, 21-22)

Point 3: The Lord. (v. 23)