

The Lord's Day

May 10, 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...

¹⁰ If any one of the house of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn among them eats any blood, I will set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people. ¹¹ For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life. ¹² Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, No person among you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger who sojourns among you eat blood.

¹³ Any one also of the people of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among them, who takes in hunting any beast or bird that may be eaten shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth. ¹⁴ For the life of every creature is its blood: its blood is its life. Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, You shall not eat the blood of any creature, for the life of every creature is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off. Leviticus 17:10-14

Prelude

Be Thou With Me

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

Psalms 111

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- ² Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.
- ³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
- ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.
- ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;
- ⁸ they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- ⁹ He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!
¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Invocation

Hymn No. 6

O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

Tidings

O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Maker,
And all within me bless his holy name;
Bless thou the Lord, forget not all his mercies,
His pard'ning grace and saving love proclaim.

***Bless him forever, wondrous in might,
Bless him, his servants that in his will delight.***

Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion,
Most slow to anger, plenteous in love;
Rich is his grace to all that humbly seek him,
Boundless and endless as the heav'ns above.

His love is like a father's to his children,
Tender and kind to all who fear his name;
For well he knows our weakness and our frailty,
He knows that we are dust, he knows our frame.

We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beauty,
like tender grass that soon will disappear;
but evermore the love of God is changeless,
still shown to those who look to him in fear.

High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed forever,
His kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole;
Bless ye the Lord through all his wide dominion,
Bless his most holy name, O thou my soul.

We embrace Christ through His Word

We Confess Our Fear of the Lord

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.

Proverbs 29:25

The Certainty of God's Righteous Judgment (Responsive)

Isaiah 24

¹ Behold, the Lord will empty the earth and make it desolate, and he will twist its surface and scatter its inhabitants.

² **And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest;**

as with the slave, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress;
as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the debtor.

³ The earth shall be utterly empty and utterly plundered; for the Lord has spoken this word.

⁴ **The earth mourns and withers; the world languishes and withers; the highest people of the earth languish.**

⁵ The earth lies defiled under its inhabitants;

for they have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant.

⁶ Therefore a curse devours the earth, and its inhabitants suffer for their guilt;

therefore the inhabitants of the earth are scorched, and few men are left.

⁷ The wine mourns, the vine languishes, all the merry-hearted sigh.

⁸ **The mirth of the tambourines is stilled, the noise of the jubilant has ceased, the mirth of the lyre is stilled.**

⁹ No more do they drink wine with singing; strong drink is bitter to those who drink it.

¹⁰ **The wasted city is broken down; every house is shut up so that none can enter.**

¹¹ There is an outcry in the streets for lack of wine; all joy has grown dark; the gladness of the earth is banished.

¹² **Desolation is left in the city; the gates are battered into ruins.**

¹³ For thus it shall be in the midst of the earth among the nations,

as when an olive tree is beaten, as at the gleaning when the grape harvest is done.

¹⁴ They lift up their voices, they sing for joy; over the majesty of the Lord they shout from the west.

¹⁵ **Therefore in the east give glory to the Lord;**

in the coastlands of the sea, give glory to the name of the Lord, the God of Israel.

¹⁶ **From the ends of the earth we hear songs of praise, of glory to the Righteous One.**

But I say, "I waste away, I waste away. Woe is me!"

For the traitors have betrayed, with betrayal the traitors have betrayed."

¹⁷ Terror and the pit and the snare are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth!

¹⁸ **He who flees at the sound of the terror shall fall into the pit,**

and he who climbs out of the pit shall be caught in the snare.

For the windows of heaven are opened, and the foundations of the earth tremble.

¹⁹ The earth is utterly broken, the earth is split apart, the earth is violently shaken.

²⁰ **The earth staggers like a drunken man; it sways like a hut;**

its transgression lies heavy upon it, and it falls, and will not rise again.

²¹ **On that day the Lord will punish the host of heaven, in heaven, and the kings of the earth, on the earth.**

²² They will be gathered together as prisoners in a pit;

they will be shut up in a prison, and after many days they will be punished.

²³ Then the moon will be confounded and the sun ashamed,

for the Lord of hosts reigns on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem,

and his glory will be before his elders.

Individual Prayer of Confession

We Proclaim our Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

1 Peter 1:18-19

¹⁸ [We know] that [we] were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from [our] forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Hymn

Bought by the Blood

Highland Cathedral

Bought by the blood of heaven's perfect Lamb,
Freed from the bonds of earth by pierced hand,
He all my worthiness and I his sin,
Nailed to a cross by pow'r of God's love.

*Though his call take me far away,
Tho' it cost my name, comfort and gain,
I will serve him all my days,
My life now his, my Lord.*

Bold I approach my King's eternal throne,
Robed in a righteousness that's not my own.
Filled with his Spirit for a holy cause,
Bearing his cross by pow'r of God's love.

Lord, now grant me for the Gospel strife,
Grace for the morning and the fearful night,
Strengthen my zeal for my dear Savior's reign
Raising his cross by pow'r of God's love.

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

Missions Report

Calvin & Geeta

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

Laudes Domini – When Morning Gilds the Skies

Joseph Barnby

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 14:31-35

Pew Bible pg. 236

³¹ They struck down the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon. And the people were very faint. ³² The people pounced on the spoil and took sheep and oxen and calves and slaughtered them on the ground. And the people ate them with the blood. ³³ Then they told Saul, "Behold, the people are sinning against the Lord by eating with the blood." And he said, "You have dealt treacherously; roll a great stone to me here." ³⁴ And Saul said, "Disperse yourselves among the people and say to them, 'Let every man bring his ox or his sheep and slaughter them here and eat, and do not sin against the Lord by eating with the blood.'" So every one of the people brought his

ox with him that night and they slaughtered them there. ³⁵ And Saul built an altar to the Lord; it was the first altar that he built to the Lord.

Sermon

“When We are Small & God is Big”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God’s Grace

Hymn No. 26

Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

Woodlands

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might;
Pow’rs and dominion lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children’s children and forever more.

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

Danish

Postlude

Intermezzo (Cavalerra Rusticana)

Pietra Mascagni

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

Announcements

We welcome Calvin & Geeta this morning as they give us an update on their work in South Asia.

We give thanks to the Lord this Lord’s Day for our mothers, and especially for our spiritual mothers.

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

The Help Fund is in need of some special donations if you are able to give to help members of the church with current financial needs.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Tomorrow (May 11) is Roger & Mary Ann Kauffman's Anniversary and Alice Orie's Birthday, and Wednesday (May 13) is Caeden Bell's Birthday

Prayer Requests

1. Please pray for Candy Short as she recovers from surgery this past week which repaired a detached lens and retina in her left eye.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Brenda Franklin as she has been in a great deal of pain from Medial Epicondylitis in her right elbow. Please pray for Brenda as she cannot work, drive, or take her graduate school classes for 12 weeks.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Debbie DeFord as she recovers from knee-replacement surgery. Please pray for a full and speedy recovery.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Norm & Betty Jo Norris. Please pray for Betty Jo's fluctuating health and pray for Norm as he seeks to care for her at home.
5. Please continue to be in prayer for Debbie Miller (a friend of the Moutrup family) as she needs to have surgery to remove a large tumor.
6. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Calvin & Geeta – please pray for Calvin and Geeta while they are home in the states visiting family, friends, and supporting churches. Please pray for safety and refreshment as they travel and that the Lord would return them safely to the field.
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), Mark & Betty Werner's son-in-law, Tim's, sister (Sarah), & 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:		HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service with Calvin & Geeta.
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare pages 165-175 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

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: May 10, 2026

Text: 1 Samuel 14:31-35

Sermon Title: "When we are Small, and God is Big"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Fearing man is foolish, but the proper fear of the Lord is essential.

Main Point 1: A Fainting Success. (v. 31)

Main Point 2: A Famished Sin. (v. 32)

Main Point 3: A Fool's Confrontation. (v. 33)

Main Point 4: A False Remedy.

Point 1: A Proper Food Hall. (vs. 33c,34)

Point 2: The First Altar. (v. 35)