

The Lord's Day

June 7, 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...

It ought to be a settled principle in our minds, that a man's soul is in a bad state, when he begins to regard man-made rites and ceremonies, as things of superior importance, and exalts them above the preaching of the Gospel.

J.C. Ryle

Prelude

Open My Eyes

Clara H. Scott

Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr.; Director of Music Ministries

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

RE Jeff Soule

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:3-7

³ Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴ One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

⁶ They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.

⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

Invocation

Hymn No. 2

O Worship the King

Lyons

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Psalter Reading / Confession of Sin (Responsive)

Psalm 32

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

² **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

⁷ You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸ **I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

⁹ Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ **Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:4,5

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,

smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

Our Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 117

How is the sabbath or the Lord's day to be sanctified?

The sabbath or Lord's day is to be sanctified by a holy resting all the day, not only from such works as are at all times sinful, but even from such worldly employments and recreations as are on other days lawful; and making it our delight to spend the whole time (except so much of it as to be taken up in works of necessity and mercy) in the public and private exercises of God's worship ...

Hymn No. 522

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

St. Petersburg

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul give way, he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

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

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Praise to the Lord

Stralsund Gesangbuch

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

Mark 2:23-28

Pew Bible pg. 838

²³ One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵ And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶ how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" ²⁷ And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Sermon

"Opposition to His Management"

Pastor Bell

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

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Eternal God, heavenly Father, You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn No. 184

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Dominus Regit Me

The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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

Danish

Postlude

Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

George Webb

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

Announcements

Today we welcome back our Pastor Emiritus, Bob Bell and look forward to his faithful preaching of God's Word.

Pastor Ceselsky will be away (out of the country) until Wednesday. Please contact one of the elders if any concerns arise during that time.

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

Donations are needed for The Help Fund – you can use the pink envelopes in the pew racks and label the donations "Help Fund."

An Informational Congregational Meeting is hereby called by the Session to follow the worship service on Sunday, June 21. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the congregation with an update (as promised our annual meeting in February) on the financial standing of the church.

Our 4th Movie & Fellowship Afternoon will be on Saturday June 27 at 1 PM. We will be watching *The Patriot*. This drama presents a fictional account of an American Revolution series of battles focusing on a devoted father and French and Indian War veteran, and his leading of battles against a ruthless nemesis. (Please note that this film presents graphic war violence and may not be appropriate for younger viewers.) As is our custom, we encourage you to invite others to come and please bring a snack to share.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Tomorrow (June 8) is Bill & Jayne Kuegler's Anniversary, Tuesday (June 9) is Jeff Soule's Birthday, Thursday (June 9) is Mercy Nnanna's Birthday, Friday (June 12) is Steve & Evelyn King's Anniversary, and Next Sunday (June 14) is Dave & Laura Newman's Anniversary.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Calvin & Geeta as they have been advised to not to return while the government is investigating some false allegations which have been made against them. Please pray for a just and quick end to this investigation so that Calvin & Geeta may return home.
2. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Eric & Anna Graham – MTW Next Columbia – Eric and Anna and their family have finally been able to complete their move to a new home to house their growing family. Please pray as they try to deal with their old landlord who is trying to force them to fix damage that was pre-existing when they moved in, and also their new landlady has not had appropriate repairs made (leaky sink, etc.) before they arrived. Please pray that they can be good witnesses for Christ in the midst of these conflicts.
3. 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.
4. 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: 10:30 AM Lord's Day Worship Service with The Lord's Supper
NEXT Sunday 10:30 AM Lord's Day Worship Service

Coming Soon

Sunday, June 21 – 12 PM – Informational Congregational Meeting
Saturday, June 27 – 1 PM – Movie & Fellowship Afternoon – *The Patriot*

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: June 7, 2026

Text: Mark 2:23-28

Sermon Title: "Opposition to His Management"

Delivered By: Pastor Robert Bell

Last Sunday we saw that Mark described Jesus as emphasizing that those who are living in his very presence should be feasting instead of fasting, rejoicing rather than mourning. He now proceeds to picture the Lord Jesus in the act of showing that this manifestation of gladness instead of sadness should characterize even the manner in which the Sabbath is observed (Hendriksen).

Main Point 1: The Old Repentance Rituals

Let's get this straight right up front. Christianity is not about religious ritual; it's about a right relationship! Don't get so caught up in ceremony that you miss Christ!

Main Point 2: The Present Joyous Relationship

Jesus is both the center and the cause of the joy that his disciples experience.

Main Point 3: The New Radical Reality

The twin parables that Jesus now gives are broader in application than to just fasting. They are a commentary on the significance of Jesus' presence with us.