

The Lord's Day

July 5, 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...

Divine repentance indicates [God's] real experience, in historically unfolding relationships with people ... Just because God knows in advance that some event will occur, this does not preclude God from experiencing appropriate emotions and expressing appropriate reactions when it actually happens.

Bruce Ware

Prelude

Arioso

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

Psalm 103:20-22

²⁰ Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!

²¹ Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!

²² Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Invocation

Hymn No. 75

O Father, You Are Sovereign

St. Theodulph

O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made;
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
Sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man;
No pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,
You hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign, the Lord of human pain,

Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.
All evil overruling, as none by Conqu'ror could,
Your love pursues its purpose – our souls' eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now,
But soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad home before us our faith springs up anew;
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you!

We embrace Christ through His Word

The Requirement of God

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 Confession of Faith III.1,2

God from all eternity did by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass; yet so as thereby neither is God the author of sin; nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established.

Although God knows whatsoever may or can come to pass, upon all supposed conditions; yet He has not decreed anything because He foresaw it as future, as that which would come to pass, upon such conditions.

Our Confession of Sin

Westminster Shorter Catechism , Question 14

What is sin?

Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalms 51:1-6

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,**

so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

⁵ **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

We Acknowledge God's Mercy & Grace (Responsive)

Psalm 51:7-19

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹² **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

¹⁴ **Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.**

¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶ **For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.**

¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

¹⁸ **Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;**

¹⁹ then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Hymn No. 486

God, Be Merciful to Me

Redhead

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
Let me contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound-less grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

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

RE Riley B. Franklin

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

If With All Your Hearts

(From: *Elijah*) Felix Mendelssohn

The Gloria Patri (Hymnal, pg. 734) and Prayer of Dedication

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.

We are nourished by God's Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 15:10-11

Pew Bible pg. 237

¹⁰ The word of the Lord came to Samuel: ¹¹ "I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me and has not performed my commandments." And Samuel was angry, and he cried to the Lord all night.

Sermon

"The Lord's Regret"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

Hymn No. 521

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

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.

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

We respond to God's Grace

The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731)

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.

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

Danish

Postlude

Ich Steh Mit Eimen Fuss im Grabe

J.S. Bach

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." The total project cost was \$126,505 and we have raised \$64,583.20 (51%) thru the end of June.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Tomorrow (July 6) is Maddox Bell's Birthday, Wednesday (July 8) is both Lieseli Cabell and John Clark's Birthdays, as well as Stuart & Sandy Jones' Anniversary, and Friday (July 10) is Jeff & Libby Soule's Anniversary.

Prayer Requests

1. Give praise that Dr. Dean's grandson, Jalen, is recovering well from his heat stroke.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Libby Soule as she has just started a new treatment combination for her chronic dizziness (she has been given a new medication and a specialized physical therapy). Please pray that this treatment plan is successful in reducing or even eliminating her chronic dizziness. Please pray as well that Libby will have patience with the treatment as there are no guarantees and it will not be a quick remedy.
3. Please continue to pray for Alice Orie as she recovers from both surgeries last week and as she begins the long rehab and physical therapy process.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Debbie Miller (a friend of the Moultrup family) as she recovers from surgery this past week.
5. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Phil & Amina – MTW South Asia – Please pray for Phil & Amina and their whole team as they deal with Visa issues, even as they rejoice in local church growth and the progress of national interns. Please pray as well for their two older daughters (Ashlyn and Anna) as they are away from the family working and studying overseas.
6. 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.
7. 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

Saturday, July 25 – 5 PM – Movie & Fellowship Evening – *David*

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: July 5, 2026

Text: 1 Samuel 15:10-11

Sermon Title: "The Lord's Regret"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The consequences of sin often extend beyond the sinner.

Main Point 1: Saul's Rebellion.

Point 1: Sin.

Point 2: Turned His Back.

Point 3: Omission.

Main Point 2: Yahweh's Regret.

Point 1: Yahweh's Omniscience/Foreknowledge.

Point 2: Yahweh's Holy Emotion.

Main Point 3: Samuel's Remorse.