

The Lord's Day

July 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...

To reject Yahweh's word is to reject Yahweh himself; to reject his authority – in a word, to reject his kingship.

Dale Ralph Davis

Prelude

The Solid Rock

William Bradbury

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

Hebrews 10:19-25

¹⁹ Brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Invocation

Hymn No. 363

We Gather Together

Kremser

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
Thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender will be.

Let thy congregation endure thro' tribulation:
Thy name be ever prais'd! O Lord, make us free!

We embrace Christ through His Word

Our Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 1

What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

The Command of God

1 John 3:23,24

²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

We Declare Our Faith

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Gloria Patri (Hymnal, pg. 735)

Gloria Patri

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.

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalm 40

¹ I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² **He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

⁴ Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

⁵ **You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!**

I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

⁶ **In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear.**

Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

⁷ **Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:**

⁸ **I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."**

⁹ I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

¹⁰ I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

¹¹ As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me;

your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

¹² For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.

¹³ Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me!

¹⁴ Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch away my life;

let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt!

¹⁵ Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"

¹⁶ But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"

¹⁷ As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me.

You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

The Mercy & Calling of God

Romans 12:1,2

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

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

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him

(Tune - Hyfrydol) Roland Pritchard

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

Hymn of Preparation

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.

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 15:12-23

Pew Bible pg. 237

¹² And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning. And it was told Samuel, “Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself and turned and passed on and went down to Gilgal.” ¹³ And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, “Blessed be you to the Lord. I have performed the commandment of the Lord.” ¹⁴ And Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the oxen that I hear?” ¹⁵ Saul said, “They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the Lord your God, and the rest we have devoted to destruction.” ¹⁶ Then Samuel said to Saul, “Stop! I will tell you what the Lord said to me this night.” And he said to him, “Speak.”

¹⁷ And Samuel said, “Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel. ¹⁸ And the Lord sent you on a mission and said, ‘Go, devote to destruction the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.’ ¹⁹ Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord? Why did you pounce on the spoil and do what was evil in the sight of the Lord?” ²⁰ And Saul said to Samuel, “I have obeyed the voice of the Lord. I have gone on the mission on which the Lord sent me. I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have devoted the Amalekites to destruction. ²¹ But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal.” ²² And Samuel said,

“Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices,
as in obeying the voice of the Lord?
Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,
and to listen than the fat of rams.
²³ For rebellion is as the sin of divination,
and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.
Because you have rejected the word of the Lord,
he has also rejected you from being king.”

Sermon

“Rejection or Acceptance?”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn No. 461

Not What My Hands Have Done

Leominster

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,
Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save thine, no other blood will do;
No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
And with unfalt'ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.
His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb
Each thought of unbelief and fear, each ling'ring shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;
He calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.
'Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

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

Danish

Postlude *I Am Bound For the Promised Land* (Tune – Promised Land) – American Traditional Melody
Arr. K. Dean

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

Announcements

Pastor Ceselsky will be away following the worship service today through Monday, July 20. Please contact one of the elders if you have issues arise during this time.

The movie: *David* will be shown on Saturday, July 25. At 5 PM we will gather and fellowship over food (please bring food and snacks to share) and the movie will begin at 5:30. (Popcorn will be provided.) This is a family-friendly event and we encourage you to invite others to join with us.

The Deacons have begun the process of formulating an official policy for building usage. For the time being, they request that the Deacon's Room (Counting Room) be used only for church business and that no personal items be stored there.

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: Tomorrow (July 13) is John & Gwen Cicone's Anniversary and George Johnson's Birthday, Tuesday, (July 14) is Joe & Diane Eisenmeier's Anniversary, Wednesday (July 15) is George Beerli's Birthday, Friday (July 17) is Janet Johnson's birthday, and Saturday (July 18) is George & Fran Oswinkle's Anniversary.

Prayer Requests

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: John & Gwen Cicone – Rafiki Foundation (Tanzania) – John & Gwen reported that they experienced no issues the national holiday last week and school resumed as normal on Wednesday. Additionally, a container holding 40,000 Bibles arrived this week and is currently going through the customs process. Please pray that the Lord will use these copies of His Word to show forth His glory in Tanzania and throughout Africa.
4. 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.
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: 10:30 AM Lord's Day Worship Service
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 12, 2026

Text: 1 Samuel 15:12-23

Sermon Title: "Rejection or Acceptance?"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Sin greatly effects the sinner.

Main Point 1: The deceptive nature of sin.

Point 1: Sinners exalt self over the Lord.

Point 2: Sinners excuse their behavior.

Point 3: Sinners blame others for their sin.

Point 4: Sinners have rejected the Lord.

Main Point 2: The needed confrontation of the sinning saint.

Point 1: Remember who you are.

Point 2: Remember your calling.

Point 3: Acknowledge our sin/sinfulness.

Main Point 3: Religion cannot overcome sin.

Main Point 4: The just consequence of sin.