

The Lord's Day

July 19, 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...

The names of a few Jewish fishermen are known and loved by millions all over the globe, while the names of many kings and rich men are lost and forgotten. It is they who do good to souls who are had "in everlasting remembrance" (Psalm 112:6).

J.C. Ryle

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus (Tune: Crusader's Hymn) Fannie Crosby
Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr.; Director of Music Ministries

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

RE Mark Werner

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3,8

¹ I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

³ Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

⁸ Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Invocation

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.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalms 145:1-12

- ¹ I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
² **Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**
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.
⁸ **The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
⁹ The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.
¹⁰ **All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!**
¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,
¹² **to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Confession of Sin (Unison)

Almighty and all-holy Father, we confess ourselves unworthy of your unspeakable Gift. We have not loved you as we ought, nor have we always been loving to one another, kindhearted, forgiving one another, even as you, for Christ's sake, have forgiven us. We have lived in selfishness and worldly pride, and the good gifts you have given us, we have not used to relieve the burdens of others. Pardon and blot out our offenses, we beseech you, through the incarnate life and willing sacrifice of your holy Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 10:9-13

⁹ If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Hymn

Before the Throne

Sovereign Grace

Before the throne of God above

I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart (2X).

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of my guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me (2X).

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of Glory and of Grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God (2X)

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 *What a Friend* (Tune - Converse) Charles Converse

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

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 86

Since then we are delivered from our misery, merely of grace, through Christ, without any merit of ours, why must we still do good works?

Because Christ, having redeemed and delivered us by His blood, also renews us by His Holy Spirit after His own image; so that we may testify, by the whole of our conduct, our gratitude to God for his blessings, and that He may be praised by us; also, that every one

may be assured in himself of his faith by the fruits thereof, and that by our godly conversation others may be gained to Christ.

Scripture Reading

Mark 3:7-19

Pew Bible pg. 838

⁷ Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea ⁸ and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. ⁹ And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, ¹⁰ for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. ¹¹ And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." ¹² And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

¹³ And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. ¹⁴ And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ and have authority to cast out demons. ¹⁶ He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); ¹⁷ James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); ¹⁸ Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Sermon

"When the Pressure's On"

Pastor Bell

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

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn No. 587

Who Is on the Lord's Side?

Armageddon

Who is on the Lord's side? Who will serve the King?
Who will be his helpers, other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world's side? Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord's side? Who for him will go?
By thy call of mercy, by thy grace divine,

We are on the Lord's side, Savior, we are thine.

Not for weight of glory, not for crown and palm,
Enter we the army, raise the warrior psalm;
But for Love that claimeth lives for whom he died;
He whom Jesus nameth must be on his side.
By thy love constraining, by thy grace divine,

Jesus, thou hast bought us, not with gold or gem,
But with thine own lifeblood, for thy diadem:
With thy blessing filling each who comes to thee,
Thou hast made us willing, thou hast made us free,
By thy grand redemption, by thy grace divine,

Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the foe,
But the King's own army none can overthrow:

Round his standard ranging, vict'ry is secure;
For his truth unchanging makes the triumph sure.
Joyfully enlisting by thy grace divine,

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

Danish

Postlude

Be Thou My Vision

(Tune: Slane) – Cindy Berry

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

Announcements

We welcome our Pastore Emeritus, Robert Bell, as he brings the Word of God to us this morning.

Pastor Ceselsky will be away through tomorrow evening. Please contact one of the elders if you have issues arise during this time.

The movie: *David* will be shown this Saturday. 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: Thursday (July 23) is Gwen Cicone's Birthday, Saturday (July 25) is Mary Lou Wickham's Birthday, and NEXT Sunday, (July 26) is Tatiana Andrade's Birthday.

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: Helping Up Mission – Please pray for this important ministry as they seek to minister to men and women struggling with addictions. Pray that the Gospel will provide all that these men and women need.
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), & 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
Saturday:	5:00 PM	Movie & Fellowship Evening - <i>David</i>
NEXT Sunday:	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: July 19, 2026

Text: Mark 3:7-19

Sermon Title: "When the Pressure's On"

Delivered By: Pastor Robert Bell

Main Point 1: Separation from the Contentious Critics:

Main Point 2: Sympathy for the Curious Crowds:

Main Point 3: Strategy for the Called Community:

Conclusion:

What does it mean to hear the call of God? **First**, God calls you to faith in Jesus. You will know this call by the growing desire in your heart to have peace with God by trusting in Christ alone as the solution to your sin and separation from God. Respond to that call by asking him to be **your** Savior and Lord.

Secondly, God calls you to service in his kingdom. Wherever you are, whatever you're doing, God has a place of service for you.