

# *The Lord's Day*

July 26, 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...*

*Genuine repentance makes no excuses for sin, but pleads only to be restored, without concern for worldly honor and positions that might have been lost by the sin.*

Richard Phillips

Prelude

*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

John Schultz

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

Isaiah 1:27

Zion shall be redeemed by justice,  
and those in her who repent, by righteousness.

Invocation

Hymn No. 94

*How Firm a Foundation*

Foundation

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you. O be not dismayed;  
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design

your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“E’en down to old age all my people shall prove  
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

### We embrace Christ through His Word

The Warning of God

Deuteronomy 28:15

If you will not obey the voice of the Lord your God  
or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today,  
then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you.

Confession of Sin (Responsive)

Deuteronomy 8:11-20

<sup>11</sup> “Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules  
and his statutes, which I command you today,

<sup>12</sup> **lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them,**

<sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you  
have is multiplied,

<sup>14</sup> **then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of  
the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery,**

<sup>15</sup> who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions  
and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock,

<sup>16</sup> **who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might  
humble you and test you, to do you good in the end.**

<sup>17</sup> Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this  
wealth.’

<sup>18</sup> **You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth,  
that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.**

<sup>19</sup> And if you forget the Lord your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them,  
I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish.

<sup>20</sup> **Like the nations that the Lord makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because  
you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.**

Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 76

What is repentance unto life?

**Repentance unto life is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and  
Word of God, whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the  
filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God’s mercy in Christ to  
such as are penitent, he so grieves for and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to  
God, purposing and endeavoring constantly to walk with him in all the ways of new  
obedience.**

## Individual Prayer of Repentance

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins,  
he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hymn No. 713

*Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer*

St. Anne

Great King of nations, hear our prayer, while at your feet we fall,  
And humbly, with united cry, to you for mercy call.

The guilt is ours, but grace is yours, O turn us not away;  
But hear us from your lofty throne, and help us when we pray.

Our fathers' sins were manifold, and ours no less we own,  
Yet wondrously from age to age your goodness has been shown.

When dangers, like a stormy sea, beset our country round,  
To you we looked, to you we cried and help in you was found.

With one consent we meekly bow beneath your chast'ning hand,  
And, pouring forth confession meet, mourn with our mourning land.

With pitying eye behold our need, and thus we lift our prayer;  
Correct us with your judgments, Lord, then let your mercy spare.

### **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

*All Things Bright and Beautiful* (Tune – Royal Oak) English Melody

*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 15:24-35

Pew Bible pg. 238

<sup>24</sup> Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. <sup>25</sup> Now therefore, please pardon my sin and return with me that I may bow before the Lord." <sup>26</sup> And Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you. For you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you

from being king over Israel.”<sup>27</sup> As Samuel turned to go away, Saul seized the skirt of his robe, and it tore.<sup>28</sup> And Samuel said to him, “The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.”<sup>29</sup> And also the Glory of Israel will not lie or have regret, for he is not a man, that he should have regret.”<sup>30</sup> Then he said, “I have sinned; yet honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may bow before the Lord your God.”<sup>31</sup> So Samuel turned back after Saul, and Saul bowed before the Lord.

<sup>32</sup> Then Samuel said, “Bring here to me Agag the king of the Amalekites.” And Agag came to him cheerfully. Agag said, “Surely the bitterness of death is past.”<sup>33</sup> And Samuel said, “As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women.” And Samuel hacked Agag to pieces before the Lord in Gilgal.

<sup>34</sup> Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul.<sup>35</sup> And Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.

Sermon

“A Call to Repentance”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

### **We respond to God’s Grace**

Hymn

*The Power of the Cross*

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O, to see the dawn of the darkest day;  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

**This the pow’r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

O to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev’ry bitter thought, every evil deed  
Crowning Your blood stained brow.

### **Refrain**

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life –  
“Finished!” the vict’ry cry.

### **Refrain**

O, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.

Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love!

This the pow'r of the cross:  
Son of God – slain for us  
What a love, what a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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

Danish

Postlude

*The Lord's Prayer*

Albert H. Malotte

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

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### **Announcements**

**The Greater Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concerns (GBCPC)** is inviting everyone to join with them for their biggest event of the year! This year's Gala "Hope and a Future" will be held at the Sheraton Towson on Thursday, September 10th, 7:00–9:00 pm. The evening will be a time to connect with others, enjoy dinner, support our prolife mission, and hear an impactful message from guest speaker Rebekah Hagan. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required and seats are filling. Learn more and reserve your seat today at [cpcforhelp.org/gala26](http://cpcforhelp.org/gala26).

**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:** Today (July 26) is Tatiana Andrade's Birthday, Tuesday, (July 28) is Jack Wickham's Birthday, and Wednesday (July 29) is Bryan Lee's Birthday.

### **Prayer Requests**

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Libby Soule as she continues with a new physical therapy regimen.
2. Please continue to pray for Alice Orie as she continues the long rehab and physical therapy process following her recent surgeries.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Debbie Miller, a friend of the Moultrup family, as she receives chemotherapy treatments.
4. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Larry & Sandy Rockwell – MTW (Peru) – Please pray for Larry and Sandy as they share the hope and life found only in Christ with the Quechua people. Pray as well for their son, Jonathan, as he and his military unit are in Germany. And pray as well for Larry's father who broke his leg and is doing rehab – Sandy is currently staying with him to assist him during this process.

5. 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.
6. 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 with The Lord's Supper

### **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 26, 2026

Text: 1 Samuel 15:24-35

Sermon Title: "A Call to Repentance"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: God's judgment is certain for those who will not sincerely repent.

Main Point 1: The King's "Repentance."

Point 1: True Repentance makes No Excuses. (v. 24)

Point 2: True Repentance accepts all the Blame. (v. 24)

Point 3: True Repentance seeks a Restored Relationship. (vv. 25,30)

Main Point 2: The King's Rejection.

Point 1: Just. (v. 26)

Point 2: Settled. (vv.27-30)

Main Point 3: The Kings' Judgment.

Point 1: Agag. (vv. 32,33)

Point 2: Saul. (vv. 34,35)