

The Lord's Day

August 2, 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...

Yahweh is able to provide a new beginning; he will provide for his people when all is coming undone. The true King never loses control of his kingdom; he is never nonplussed by the latest emergency in his realm. Dale Ralph Davis

Prelude *Sweet Hour of Prayer Medley* Mrs. Donna Moore-Green & Raymond Green

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 18:49-50

⁴⁹ For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations,
and sing to your name.
⁵⁰ Great salvation he brings to his king,
and shows steadfast love to his anointed,
to David and his offspring forever.

Invocation

Hymn No. 311

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Aurelia

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;
Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,

From age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blessed;
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—that name to us is Love.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalms 73

¹ Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.
² **But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped.**
³ For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
⁴ **For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek.**
⁵ They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.
⁶ **Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment.**
⁷ Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies.
⁸ **They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression.**
⁹ They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth.
¹⁰ **Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them.**
¹¹ And they say, “How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?”
¹² **Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.**
¹³ All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence.
¹⁴ **For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning.**
¹⁵ If I had said, “I will speak thus,” I would have betrayed the generation of your children.
¹⁶ **But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task,**
¹⁷ until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.
¹⁸ **Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin.**
¹⁹ How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors!
²⁰ **Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.**
²¹ When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart,
²² **I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you.**
²³ Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.
²⁴ **You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.**
²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
²⁶ **My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**
²⁷ For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.
²⁸ **But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.**

God’s Requirement for Our Salvation

Hebrews 9:22

Under the law almost everything is purified with blood,
and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

God’s Salvation in Christ

Philippians 2:6-11

Read by: DE Jonathan Frank

⁶ [Christ Jesus], though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of

death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Our Calling in Christ

2 Corinthians 10:5

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God,
and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

Hymn No. 307

Nothing but the Blood

Plainfield

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

For my cleansing this I see – nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea – nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone – nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done – nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace – nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness – nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now by this I'll overcome – nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I'll reach my home – nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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 *My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me* Mrs. Donna Moore-Green & Raymond Green

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 16:1-5

Pew Bible pg. 238

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² And Samuel said, "How can I go? If

Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’”³ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.”⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?”⁵ And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

Sermon

“Seeing as God Sees – Part 1”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

Hymn of Preparation – No. 420 *At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing*

St. George’s Windsor

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death’s dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky, pow’rs of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

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

It Is Well

Mrs. Donna Moore-Green & Raymond Green

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

Announcements

We welcome Mrs. Donna Moore-Green and Raymond Green as they fill in for Dr. Dean and lead us in worship this morning.

An evening of flute & guitar will be held on Wednesday at 8 PM at the Maryland State Boychoir Center for the Arts featuring flutist, Kathryn Farenish, and classical guitarist, Andrew Oswinkle. The concert is free and open to all.

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.

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: Tuesday (August 4) is Gus DeFord'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 Jim O'Neill, a friend of Steve & Evelyn King, as he recovers from open heart surgery this past week.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Debbie Miller, a friend of the Moultrup family, as she receives chemotherapy treatments. Please pray as she has a scan scheduled for August 17 to find out more information.
5. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Calvin & Geeta– MTW (South Asia) – Please continue to pray for Calvin and Geeta as they remain in states seeking God's will as folks in their home country have still not resolved the issues which have prohibited them from returning to the field.
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), & 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

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: August 2, 2026

Text: 1 Samuel 16:1-5

Sermon Title: "Seeing as God Sees – Part 1"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: We must see things as God reveals them.

Main Point 1: What is Seen by Man. (vv. 1,2,4)

Main Point 2: What God Sees.

Point 1: God sees the effects of sin on fallen man. (vv. 1,2,4)

Point 2: God sees the remedy for the sin of fallen man. (vv. 1,2)

Main Point 3: Setting the Scene.

Point 1: Sacrifice. (v. 2)

Point 2: Consecration. (v. 5a)

Point 3: Jesse's Sons. (v. 5b)