

The Lord's Day

August 9, 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...

Like Samuel, we are too impressed by the things that can be seen with the physical eyes. Consequently, we live in a world where physical beauty outranks spiritual depth, where success in business and in church tends to be defined in materialistic terms, and where charisma is prized above character.

Kenneth Chafin

Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (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

Isaiah 35

¹ The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

² it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you."

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸ And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Invocation

Hymn No. 164

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

We embrace Christ through His Word

We Confess Our Need of Christ (Responsive)

Isaiah 53

1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

² **For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground;**
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

³ **He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;**
and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;

and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation,

who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death,

although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief;

when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;

the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,

make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,

because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Our Individual Prayers of Need

God's Gracious Salvation

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

²⁶ Consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Fruit of God's Salvation

Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control;
against such things there is no law.

Hymn No. 439

Christ Shall Have Dominion

St. Gertrude

Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,
Earth's remotest regions shall his empire be;
They that wilds inhabit shall their worship bring,
Kings shall render tribute, nations serve our King.

Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,

Earth's remotest regions shall his empire be.

When the needy seek him, he will mercy show;
Yea, the weak and helpless shall his pity know;
He will surely save them from oppression's might,
For their lives are precious in his holy sight.

Ever and forever shall his name endure,
Long as suns continue it shall stand secure;
And in him forever all men shall be blest,
And all nations hail him King of kings confess.

Unto God Almighty joyful Zion sings;
He alone is glorious, doing wondrous things.
Evermore, ye people, bless his glorious name,
His eternal glory through the earth proclaim.

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

Until Then Mrs. Donna Moore-Green & Raymond Green

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 16:6-13

Pew Bible pg. 238

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." ¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." ¹² And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

Sermon

"Seeing as God Sees – Part 2"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn No. 565

All for Jesus!

Wycliff

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'ers,
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform his bidding, let my feet run in his ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth his praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;
So enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

O what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call me his beloved, lets me rest beneath his wings.

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

Danish

Postlude

God Be With You

Mrs. Donna Moore-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.

The Second Floor of the Sunday-School wing will be closed for the week following our worship service today.

The Maryland State Boychoir will be holding its *Summer Sing* this evening beginning at 7:30 PM. (Registration and rehearsals begin for those who would like to sing begin at 5 PM.) The performance will be of "Gloria" by Vivaldi and "Solemn Vespers" by Mozart and is free 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." Total Project cost: \$126,505. Amount raised through the end of July: \$65,023.20 (51.4%)

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 even as we give praise that the doctors think that there is currently no cancer! Please pray, though, as she has a PET scan scheduled for August 17 to find out more information.
4. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Linda Karner – MTW (Japan) – Please pray for Linda while she is on summer break and as she prepares lessons for her classes in the Fall. Linda has also asked that we pray for the city of Kumamoto which suffered a devastating 7.1 magnitude earthquake last week. (This was on a different island than Linda is on.)
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

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 9, 2026

Text: 1 Samuel 16:6-13

Sermon Title: "Seeing as God Sees – Part 2"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: As believers, our view of this world should reflect God's view.

Main Point 1: The ignorance of man to God's purposes.

Main Point 2: The errors common to human vision.

Point 1: We are overly impressed by what is seen.

Point 2: We are prone to be directed by our own vision of how things should be.

Main Point 3: The omniscient truthfulness of God's vision.

Point 1: God sees the heart.

Point 2: God does not ignore the appearance.

Point 3: God empowers for His purposes.