

The Lord's Day

August 16, 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...

Nothing can replace the power and blessing of God's Holy Spirit. Without the Spirit we may possess all things, but we will have them without blessing; with the Spirit we may lack everything else and yet be filled with the joy of God.

Richard Phillips

Prelude

My Faith Has Found A Resting Place/And Can It Be (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

Romans 11:33-36

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?"

³⁵ "Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?"

(Unison) ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Invocation

Hymn No. 108

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Was Gott Tut

Whate'er my God ordains is right: his holy will abideth;
I will be still whate'er he doth, and follow where he guideth.
He is my God; though dark my road, he holds me that I shall not fall:
Wherefore to him I leave my all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: he never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path; I know he will not leave me.
I take, content, what he hath sent; his hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait his day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup, in drinking,
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking.
My God is true; each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand by taken;
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there; he holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to him I leave it all.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Our Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith III.1

God from all eternity did by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass; yet so as thereby neither is God the author of sin; nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures.

We Confess the Holiness of God, Our Sinfulness, & God's Salvation

1 John 1:5-9 (Responsive)

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

(Unison) **⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Ephesians 1:11

In him we have obtained an inheritance,
having been predestined according to the purpose of him
who works all things according to the counsel of his will.

We Confess God's Good Providence

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (Responsive)

⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, **a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.**

⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Genesis 50:20

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good,
to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

Romans 8:28 (Unison)

**And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,
for those who are called according to his purpose.**

Hymn No. 72

Amid the Fears That Oppress Our Day

Langhorne

Amid the fears that oppress our day, across the clouds that obscure our way,
One golden truth sheds its shining ray—our God is sovereign still.

***His holy purpose unchanging stands, the stars still turn at their Lord's commands;
He holds the world in his mighty hands—our God is sovereign still!***

Though wars may rise, and though kingdoms fall, though ills may threaten, and fears enthrall,
Our God still lives, and he hears our call—our God is sovereign still.

Though fierce the fight 'gainst the hosts of wrong, his Word is sure, and his arm is strong;
The day is his; raise his triumph song—our God is sovereign still.

When Christ shall come to receive his own, when his the kingdom, the pow'r, the throne,
Eternal King he shall reign alone—our God is sovereign still.

Reception of a New Member

Mr. Rajindralal Mohan

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

RE Mark Werner

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

He Looked Beyond My Faults and Saw My Need

Dottie Rambo

Mrs. Donna Moore-Green, Raymond Green, & Jeff Soule (Bass)

Amazing grace shall always be my song of praise, For it was grace that bought my liberty; I do
not know just why Christ came to love me so, He looked beyond my fault and saw my need. I

shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary, To view the cross where Jesus died for me; How marvelous the grace that caught my falling soul, He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

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 16:14-23

Pew Bible pg. 239

¹⁴ Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the Lord tormented him. ¹⁵ And Saul's servants said to him, "Behold now, a harmful spirit from God is tormenting you. ¹⁶ Let our lord now command your servants who are before you to seek out a man who is skillful in playing the lyre, and when the harmful spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will be well." ¹⁷ So Saul said to his servants, "Provide for me a man who can play well and bring him to me." ¹⁸ One of the young men answered, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence, and the Lord is with him." ¹⁹ Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me David your son, who is with the sheep." ²⁰ And Jesse took a donkey laden with bread and a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them by David his son to Saul. ²¹ And David came to Saul and entered his service. And Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer. ²² And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David remain in my service, for he has found favor in my sight." ²³ And whenever the harmful spirit from God was upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand. So Saul was refreshed and was well, and the harmful spirit departed from him.

Sermon

"All Things Work Together"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn No. 691

It Is Well with My Soul

Ville Du Havre

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—

my sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so”—it is well with my soul.

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

Danish

Postlude

Sweet By And By

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.

Today we welcome Mr. Rajindralal (Raj) Mohan into membership at Aisquith.

Adult & Children's Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 13. RE Riley B. Franklin will be leading the adult class in a study of the Minor Prophets.

The Men's and Women's Bible Studies will resume on September 15 and 16 respectively. The men will conclude the study on the prophecy of Daniel (from the Spring) and then move on to a study of the Book of Romans – please speak with Pastor Ceselsky if you have any questions. The women's study will be on the Parables of Jesus – please speak with Julie Ceselsky if you have any questions or need a copy of the materials.

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: Tomorrow (August 17) is Carole McQuay's Birthday and Saturday (August 22) is George Oswinkle's Birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for the Leubecker family as Ron's father went home to be with the Lord on Friday morning.

2. Please continue to be in prayer for Sandy Loveless' friend, Robin. Robin had an MRI which revealed extensive cancer. She will be having a mastectomy and chemotherapy. She is currently waiting for information on the surgery. Please pray that the Lord would open the door for the surgery to take place quickly, that it would go well, and that the cancer will be successfully treated. Please pray for this sister in Christ who is currently alone going through this process.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Libby Soule as she continues with a new physical therapy regimen.
4. Please continue to pray for Alice Orie as she continues the long rehab and physical therapy process following her recent surgeries.
5. 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 tomorrow to find out more information.
6. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Eric & Anna Graham – MTW NEXT (Columbia) – Please pray for Eric and Anna, as well as the whole team (and nation of Columbia) following a devastating 7.4 magnitude earthquake this past week. We have not currently received any report from them regarding safety or damages. Please pray that the Lord would be pleased to shine the gospel through them during this difficult time.
7. 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.
8. 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

Sunday School – Sunday, September 13, 9 AM
 Men's Bible Study – Tuesday, September 15, 7 PM
 Women's Bible Study – Wednesday, September 16, 10:30 AM

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 16, 2026

Text: 1 Samuel 16:14-23

Sermon Title: "All Things Work Together"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

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

Main Point 1: A Spiritual Tragedy.

Point 1: The Spirit of the Lord departed. (v. 14a)

Point 2: A harmful spirit arrived. (vv. 14b-15)

Main Point 2: A Worldly "Remedy." (v. 16)

Main Point 3: A Divine Providence.

Point 1: Provide for me A Man. (v. 17)

Point 2: I have seen A Man. (v. 18)

Point 3: The presence of The Man. (vv. 19-23)