

The Lord's Day

September 20, 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 brings deliverance without the symbols of man's strength. We hear this throughout the Bible. What matters is not whether you have the best weapons but whether you have the real God. Dale Ralph Davis

Prelude *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling* Will Thompson
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 Psalm 111:9-10

⁹ [The LORD] sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!
¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Invocation

Hymn No. 6 *O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord* Tidings

O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Maker,
And all within me bless his holy name;
Bless thou the Lord, forget not all his mercies,
His pard'ning grace and saving love proclaim.

***Bless him forever, wondrous in might,
Bless him, his servants that in his will delight.***

Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion,
Most slow to anger, plenteous in love;
Rich is his grace to all that humbly seek him,
Boundless and endless as the heav'ns above.

His love is like a father's to his children,

Tender and kind to all who fear his name;
For well he knows our weakness and our frailty,
He knows that we are dust, he knows our frame.

We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beauty,
like tender grass that soon will disappear;
but evermore the love of God is changeless,
still shown to those who look to him in fear.

High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed forever,
His kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole;
Bless ye the Lord through all his wide dominion,
Bless his most holy name, O thou my soul.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Our Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Questions 111-113

Q. 111. Which is the third commandment?

The third commandment is, *Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain.*

Q. 112. What is required in the third commandment?

The third commandment requires, That the name of God, his titles, attributes, ordinances, the Word, sacraments, prayer, oaths, vows, lots, his works, and whatsoever else there is whereby he makes himself known, be holily and reverently used in thought, meditation, word, and writing; by an holy profession, and answerable conversation, to the glory of God, and the good of ourselves, and others.

Q. 113. What are the sins forbidden in the third commandment?

The sins forbidden in the third commandment are, the not using of God's name as is required; and the abuse of it in an ignorant, vain, irreverent, profane, superstitious or wicked mentioning or otherwise using his titles, attributes, ordinances, or works, by blasphemy, perjury; all sinful cursings, oaths, vows, and lots; violating of our oaths and vows, if lawful and fulfilling them, if of things unlawful; murmuring and quarrelling at, curious prying into, and misapplying of God's decrees and providences; misinterpreting, misapplying, or any way perverting the Word, or any part of it; to profane jests, curious or unprofitable questions, vain [empty talk], or the maintaining of false doctrines; abusing it, the creatures, or anything contained under the name of God, to charms, or sinful lusts and practices; the maligning, scorning, reviling, or any wise opposing of God's truth, grace, and ways; making profession of religion in hypocrisy, or for sinister ends; being ashamed of it, or a shame to it, by unconformable, unwise, unfruitful, and offensive walking, or backsliding from it.

The Justice of God

Leviticus 24:16

Whoever blasphemes the name of the Lord shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall stone him. The sojourner as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death.

Our Confession of Sin (Responsive)

1 Timothy 1:8-11

⁸ Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully,
⁹ **understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane,**
for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers,
¹⁰ **the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers,**
liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine,
¹¹ **in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.**

Individual Confession of Sin.

Our Assurance of Grace (Responsive)

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service,
¹³ **though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent.**
But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,
¹⁴ **and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.**
¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.
¹⁶ **But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.**
¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Frederick Atkinson

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 17:31-40

Pew Bible pg. 240

⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine.

⁴¹ And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴² And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³ And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field." ⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand."

⁴⁸ When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David. ⁵¹ Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

Sermon

“Facing Giants – Part 3: David vs. Goliath”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God’s Grace

Hymn No. 572

Onward, Christian Soldiers

St. Gertrude

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before:
Christ the royal Master leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, see, his banners go.

***Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.***

At the sign of triumph Satan’s host doth flee;
On then, Christian soldiers, on to victory:
Hell’s foundations quiver at the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise.

Like a mighty army moves the church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;
We are not divided, all united we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
But the church of Jesus constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never ‘gainst the church prevail;
We have Christ’s own promise, and that can not fail.

Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song;
Glory, laud and honor unto Christ the King;
This through countless ages men and angels sing.

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

Danish

Postlude

Improvisations on: *Onward Christian Soldiers*

Arthur Sullivan

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

Announcements

Join Us for a Fellowship Pot-Luck lunch following the worship service NEXT Sunday, September 27 – this promises to be a special time in the life of our church body. The church will provide the main course and the drinks – you are asked to provide a side and/or dessert to share. Please set this time aside to join in fellowship with your church family.

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: Monday (September 21) is Nancy Pearre’s Birthday, and Friday (September 25) is Nancy Moultrup’s Birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for Ron & Lynda Gillis’ son-in-law, Josh. Josh is currently deployed in the Middle East (with his deployment scheduled to end at the end of this month). Please pray for safety and that he would be able to return at his scheduled time. Please pray as well for Josh’s wife, Sarah, and their two small children.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Libby Soule as she has discontinued her physical therapy regimen due to lack of progress. Libby is continuing to work on neurological rest and home exercises. Please pray especially for a reduction of dizziness, confusion, daily migraines, and chronic fatigue as well as her ability to perform regular activities. Please pray as well for patience and joy in the midst of her adversity.
3. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Larry & Sandy Rockwell (MTW - Peru) – Please continue to pray for Larry and Sandy as they minister in the midst of great spiritual darkness among the Quechua people. Pray for Larry as he travels throughout Huaraz and Yanama sharing the gospel, discipling believers, and building relationships. Please pray as well for Sandy as she has returned to Peru from the states caring for Larry’s father.
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; Alice Orie, 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.

Coming Soon

Joint Reformation Service, Sunday, November 1 – 3:30 PM – Broadneck EP Church

Weekly Calendar

TODAY:	9:30 AM	Sunday School Children: Rooms 16,17 Adults – Room 11
	10:30 AM	Lord’s Day Worship Service
	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
Tuesday:	7:00 PM	Men’s Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare Lesson #11 – Daniel 10:1-11:1 (pgs. 95-102))
	10:30 AM	Women’s Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare Defining the Kingdom & the Parable of the Sower (4 Soils) (pgs. 7-13))
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Sunday School Children: Rooms 16,17

Adults – Room 11
10:30 AM Lord's Day Worship Service
12:00 PM Congregational Pot-Luck Lunch

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: September 20, 2026

Text: 1 Samuel 17:40-51

Sermon Title: "Facing Giants – Part 3: David vs. Goliath"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: When the Lord is on our side, ultimate victory is guaranteed.

Main Point 1: The Champions Face Off.

Point 1: David's Approach. (v. 40)

Point 2: Goliath's Disdain. (vv. 41,42)

Main Point 2: The Champions' Trash-Talk.

Point 1: The Bully Taunts. (vv. 43,44)

Point 2: The Boy Responds. (vv. 45-47)

Main Point 3: The Championship Fight.

Point 1: The Stone. (vv. 49,50a)

Point 2: The Sword. (vv. 50b,51a)

Point 3: The Fleeing. (v. 51b)