

The Lord's Day

September 27, 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...

At this point the writer connects the defeat of Goliath and David's coming to Jerusalem. It is as though he were to say, this is where David's journey to Jerusalem, to Israel's throne, began. John Woodhouse

Prelude *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (Tune: St. Anne) William Croft
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 3:7-8

⁷ Arise, O Lord!
Save me, O my God!
For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;
you break the teeth of the wicked.

⁸ Salvation belongs to the Lord;
your blessing be on your people!

Invocation

Hymn No. 457

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

(Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in blood washed linen, How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace.
Come my Lord, no longer tarry, Take my ransomed soul away;

Send Thine angels now to carry, Me to realms of endless days)

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Our Confession of Sin (Responsive)

Jeremiah 7:21-26

²¹ Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: “Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices, and eat the flesh.

²² **For in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, I did not speak to your fathers or command them concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices.**

²³ But this command I gave them: ‘Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people. And walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you.’

²⁴ **But they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and the stubbornness of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward.**

²⁵ From the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have persistently sent all my servants the prophets to them, day after day.

²⁶ **Yet they did not listen to me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They did worse than their fathers.**

Individual Confession of Sin.

We Embrace the Grace of Christ (Responsive)

Romans 5:18-6:4

¹⁸ As one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

¹⁹ **For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.**

²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

²¹ **so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

^{6:1} What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

² **By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?**

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴ **We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,**
in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
we too might walk in newness of life.

Our Calling in Christ

Romans 12:1-2

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

When I survey the wondrous cross
 On which the Prince of glory died,
 My richest gain I count but loss,
 And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
 Save in the death of Christ my God:
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a present far too small;
 Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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

When Morning Gilds The Skies

(Tune: Laudes Domini) John Barnaby

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 17:52-58

Pew Bible pg. 241

⁵² And the men of Israel and Judah rose with a shout and pursued the Philistines as far as Gath and the gates of Ekron, so that the wounded Philistines fell on the way from Shaaraim as far as Gath and Ekron. ⁵³ And the people of Israel came back from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their camp. ⁵⁴ And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent.

⁵⁵ As soon as Saul saw David go out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this youth?" And Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, I do not know." ⁵⁶ And the king said, "Inquire whose son the boy is." ⁵⁷ And as soon as David returned from the striking down of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the

head of the Philistine in his hand. ⁵⁸ And Saul said to him, “Whose son are you, young man?” And David answered, “I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.”

Sermon

“A Blessed People”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God’s Grace

Hymn

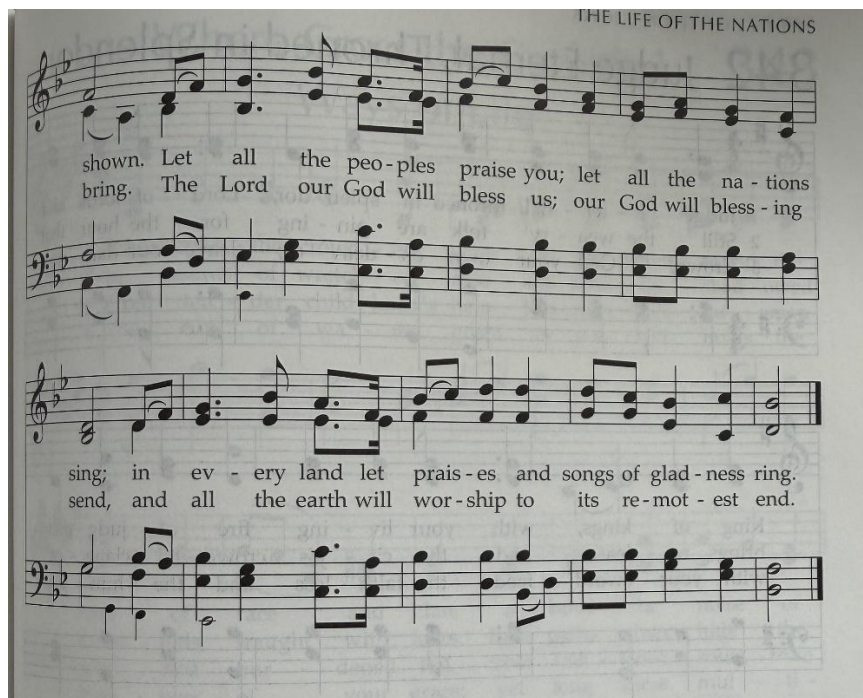
O God, Show Mercy to Us

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(Psalm 67)

1 O God, show mer - cy to us, and bless us with your
2 For you will judge the peo - ples in truth and righ-teous-
grace; and cause to shine up - on us the bright-ness of your
ness, and on the earth all na - tions will your just rule con-
face, so that your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be
fess. Let all the peo-ples praise you; let all the na-tions
known, and un - to ev - ery peo - ple your sav-ing grace be
sing. Then earth in rich a - bun - dance to us its fruit will



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

Danish

Postlude

All Hail the Power

(Tune: Coronation) Oliver Holder

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 TODAY – this promises to be a special time in the life of our church body. Please set this time aside to join in fellowship with your church family.

The Session has accepted the resignation of DE Jonathan Frank from the Board of Deacons at his request given his recent move.

Dr. Dean will be performing at Fairhaven United Methodist Church (7200 Third Ave., Sykesville, MD) on TUESDAY at 7:15 PM.

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: Saturday (October 3) is Ron Brown'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. Please pray for safety and that he would be able to safely return soon. Please pray as well for Josh's wife, Sarah, their two small children, and for Ron and Lynda as well.

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. Please continue to be in prayer for Bill Kuegler's friend's grandson, CJ. CJ, who has autism, was admitted to the ICU when he was unable to breathe earlier this week. He is doing better, but please continue to keep him, and his family, and prayer.
4. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Greater Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concerns – We give praise for the success of the GBCPC's recent Fall gala and pray that the Lord would bless the funds raised and use them to save the lives of countless image-bearers in the greater Baltimore region.
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; Alice Orie, 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.

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 (Please read the Book of Joel in preparation for the adult class.)
	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Congregational Pot-Luck Lunch
	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
Tuesday:	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare Lesson #12 – Daniel 11:2-12:3 (pgs. 103-110))
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare The Parable of the Wheat & Tares (pgs. 14-18))
NEXT Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School Children: Rooms 16,17 Adults – Room 11 (Please read the Book of Amos in preparation for the adult class.)
	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, 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 28, 2026

Text: 1 Samuel 17:52-58

Sermon Title: "A Blessed People"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Yahweh always blesses his people.

Main Point 1: Yahweh's covenant blessings. (vv. 52,53)

Point 1: Plunder.

Point 2: Given to a frequently unfaithful people.

Main Point 2: Yahweh's Anointed's trophies. (v. 54)

Point 1: Goliath's head.

Point 2: Goliath's armor.

Point 3: Tent.

Main Point 3: Saul's promised rewards. (vv. 55-58)

Point 1: Saul's apparent ignorance.

Point 2: Saul's practical enquiry.