

5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude Adagio from Sonata 1 in F Minor Felix Mendelssohn

The Call to Worship

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

The Lord has never forsaken those who seek him. We trust in the Lord.

Let us sing praise to God and declare his wonderful deeds among all the people.

All glory and praise be to God!

*The Hymn of Praise *We Gather Together* 559

*The Call to Confession

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.” With this assurance of God’s grace and forgiveness, let us confess our sins to God.

*The Prayer of Confession

God Almighty, we confess before you our sinful ways. We know you are always with us, yet we so easily lose heart and cower in fear. We know your name is holy, yet we do not speak up when others defy you. We know you are all-powerful, yet too often we rely on our own strength and resources. We know the battle and the victory are yours, yet we puff up with pride, giving credit to ourselves. Forgive us. [Silent confession.] Merciful God, cleanse our hearts. Help us to live as your redeemed people. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Let us rejoice in our salvation, for the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. We are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 579
**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.**

The Anthem If With All Your Heart *from* Elijah Felix Mendelssohn
Dave Stine - soloist

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-24, 32-49 page 314 OT

The Psalm Psalm 9:9-14 page 598 OT

The Sermon David and Goliath Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional) hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn *We Rest on Thee* see insert

The Morning Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer(using sins)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Andante recitativo from Sonata 1 in F Minor F. Mendelssohn

*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* 420
Verses 1, 2, 5

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

*Postlude *Allegro assai vivace from Sonata 1 in F Minor* F. Mendelssohn

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist : Peggy Donaldson

Ushers: Wally & Anne Schmidt, Larry Smith, and Sayre Nichol

Greeter: Cheryl Kelley

Fellowship Hour: Peggy Donaldson

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich, Director of Music Ministry
and Dave Stine - soloist

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**Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for
refreshments and fellowship.**

For The Hearing Impaired

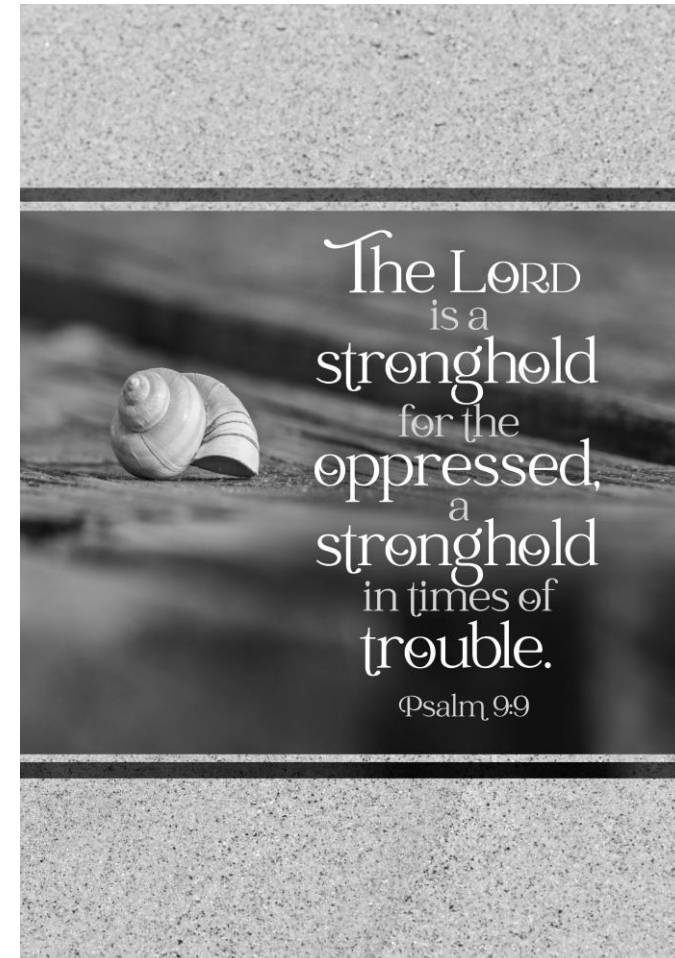
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Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.

Announcements and Upcoming Events



The office is open Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) but, as unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.

June Mission Project

June's Mission will continue assisting those within the foster care system. Tangible items will be collected and donated to the Midland County Foster Closet, an organization and store which provides clothing and other necessities free to any foster child and foster family in the Tri-City Area. Participants include infants, children, teenagers, as well as young adults up to 21 years old who have aged out of the foster care system. Specific needs include tennis shoes, new clothes for the upcoming summer season, bathing suits, diapers, and wipes. Donations may be placed on the Mission table through the end of June. Thank you!



The sign-up sheets are out! A picnic is planned for Sunday August 4 @ 1:00 at Wickes Park on Hospital Rd. The church will provide hotdogs and hamburgers, you just bring a dish to pass.

We Rest on Thee

1. We rest on thee, our Shield and our De-fend-er! We go not forth a -
 2. Yea, in Thy name, O Cap-tain of sal - va - tion! In Thy dear name, all
 3. We go in faith, our own great weak-ness feel - ing, And need-ing more each
 4. We rest on Thee, our Shield and our De-fend-er! Thine is the bat - tle,

lone a - gainst the foe; Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keep - ing ten - der,
 oth - er names a - bove: Je - sus our right - eous-ness, our sure foun - da - tion,
 day Thy grace to know: Yet from our hearts a song of tri - umph peal - ing,
 Thine shall be the praise; When pass-ing through the gates of pear - ly splen - dor,

We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go; Strong in Thy strength, safe
 Our Prince of Glo - ry and our King of Love, Je - sus our right - eous -
 "We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go"; Yet from our hearts a
 Vic - tors, we rest with Thee, through end - less days; When pass-ing through the

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 gates of pear - ly splen - dor, Vic - tors, we rest with Thee, through end - less days.

Lyrics: Edith G. Cherry
 Music: Jean Sibelius
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Prayer of Illumination

Lord God,
Pour out upon us wisdom and understanding so that, as we are taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to receive all that leads to life and holiness.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

1 Samuel 17:1 New International Version

17 Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Sokoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Sokoh and Azekah.

⁴ A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. ⁵ He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; ⁶ on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. ⁷ His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

⁸ Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." ¹⁰ Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." ¹¹ On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

¹⁹ They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines."

²⁰ Early in the morning David left the flock in the care of a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry. ²¹ Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other. ²² David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and asked his brothers how they were. ²³ As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it.

³² David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

³³ Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

³⁸ Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹ David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

⁴¹ Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. ⁴² He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. ⁴³ He said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ “Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!”

⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

⁴⁸ As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.

⁴⁹ Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

Psalm 9:9-14

New International Version

⁹ The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

¹⁰ Those who know your name trust in you,
for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

¹¹ Sing the praises of the LORD, enthroned in Zion;
proclaim among the nations what he has done.

¹² For he who avenges blood remembers;
he does not ignore the cries of the afflicted.

¹³ LORD, see how my enemies persecute me!
Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death,

¹⁴ that I may declare your praises
in the gates of Daughter Zion,
and there rejoice in your salvation.