

OVERCOMING THE GOLIATHS IN OUR LIVES



Sunday, July 15, 2018

Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. 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. 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.

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

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. 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. 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.”

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

1 Samuel 17: 38-49 (NIV)

Greeters:

Faye Gemmill & June Power
Mary Lou & John Hersey
Peggy & Jow Wible
Marge & Bill Mann

Ushers:

Jen Winter
Bill & Janice Lauris
Eric & Deb Peterson
Nancy Holtzapple
Joyce Shaffer

The Chancel Flowers are Presented by:

Patty Armstrong, in honor of my boys

Phyllis Thompson, in memory of her husband, Allan Thompson

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes & Welcome

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

Prelude

Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 9)

Leader: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,

People: A stronghold in times of trouble.

Leader: And those who know your name put their trust in you,

People: For you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

All: Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples.

Let us worship almighty God.

* Opening Hymn 276

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession (Silent & Corporate)

**Almighty God, we confess that we have not made use
of the opportunities you have given us in our lives.**

**We are like Goliath, misusing the gifts you have given us,
sometimes even bullying others.**

**We are also like King Saul, wrapped up in our own egos,
becoming jealous of the gifts and attentions of others.**

**We are like David - even when we try to do your will,
we are sinful creatures,**

wanting people and things that are not good for us.

Yes, God, we are just ordinary people struggling in this world.

Forgive us for our ingratitude, our pettiness, our desires.

Help us to rise above our faults,

and help to bring about your kingdom on this earth.

Go with us each day as we struggle to fight the giants

of hatred, injustice and bigotry. All for your sake we pray. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* Gloria Patri 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

Scripture

1 Samuel 17:38-49

Message

“Overcoming the Goliaths in our Lives”

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

Hymn of Response #379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Responding to God’s Word

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Offering

Offertory

Joshua Fit The Battle of Jericho

arr. Warren Williamson

(Women’s Chorus)

Please sign and pass the “Friendship Pad” during the Offering and pass it down the pew. At the end of the row, pas it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.

* Doxology 592 (inclusive)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Going in God's Name

Ministry Highlights & Greeting

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

- * Closing Hymn 430 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*
- * Benediction and Congregational Response

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings; I see glory in each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Postlude

May the Mind of Christ my Savior

ST. LEONARDS
Setting by Jack Schader

MUSIC: HIGHLAND CHANCEL CHOIR, WOMEN'S CHORUS
DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST
A/V: JONATHAN LEFEVER

* PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

Sermon Notes

1. Identify _____
2. Draw on _____
3. Sort out _____
4. Don't _____
5. Trust _____

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