

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 21, 2020

**Designates "Those who are able please stand."*

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE

Marty Light, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

Kathy Winters

Father of us all - thank you for your love for us from the beginning of time.

You formed us when we were in our mother's womb; you knit us together lovingly.

Your devotion to us has not failed; your care has followed us our whole life.

All we are and all we have, we owe to you.

So on this Lord's Day, in this house devoted to your glory, we give honor to you with our hearts, our hands, and our voices.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

*HYMN

"This is My Father's World"

#6 Blue Book

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*Responsively*)

Kathy Winters

Holy and Merciful God, we trust your promise to be among us as we gather. We come in the name of Christ, drawn by your Spirit, eager to hear your Word. Fill our hearts with your Spirit and prepare us for faithful service. Amen.

*PIANO INTROIT

Marty Light

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Responsively*)

Rev. Peggy Stout

Merciful God, you have searched our hearts and you know us best. When we have been faced with the giant problems of life, our faith is often weak. We have forgotten how You used young David, his faith, and only his slingshot to defeat the mammoth Goliath.

Forgive us, O Lord, for our lack of faith and forgetting all the other times you have helped us in the past.

Help us to grow so that we might daily face the problems of life with faith and boldness.

We ask all these things in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (*Responsively*) Rev. Peggy Stout
Our God affirms us for who we are – those whose brokenness is
made whole and whose sin is forgiven through the blood of Christ.
Thanks be to God!

***PRAISE RESPONSE** “*On Eagle’s Wings*”
*And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand.*

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*) Kathy Winters
*Send your Spirit among us, O God. Prepare our minds to hear
your Word. Move our hearts to accept what we hear. Purify
our will to obey in joy and faith. In the name of Christ we
pray. Amen.*

FIRST OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 146:1-10* Kathy Winters
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “*Amazing Grace*” Chancel Choir
(*Original Date: March 24, 2019*)

SECOND OLD TESTAMENT READING *I Samuel 17:2-4, 8-12, 14-16*
Rev. Peggy Stout
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON “*Fighting the Giants of Life*” Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***ANTHEM** “*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*” Chancel Choir
(*Original Date: March 31, 2019*)

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Peggy Stout

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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.

PIANO INTERLUDE

Marty Light

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

Kathy Winters

Offertory

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

***Offertory Prayer**

***HYMN**

"He Keeps Me Singing"

#587 Blue Book

***BLESSING/BENEDICTION (Responsively)**

Rev. Peggy Stout

May you remember - the Lord God Almighty is our Father, who loves us and tenderly cares for us.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Savior, who has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.

The Holy Spirit is among us, who will strengthen and empower us in God's holy ways. To God Almighty - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory today and forever.

Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Marty Light

Psalm 146:1-10

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! ² I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. ³ Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. ⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. ⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; ⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. ⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. ¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

1 Samuel 17:1-11

Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. ²Saul and the Israelites gathered and encamped in the valley of Elah, and formed ranks against the Philistines. ³The Philistines stood on the mountain on one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. ⁴And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ⁵He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armored with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. ⁶He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. ⁷The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. ⁸He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, 'Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. ⁹If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.' ¹⁰And the Philistine said, 'Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together.' ¹¹When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.