

## Sunday, June 22, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

### Second Sunday after Pentecost

**TODAY'S FOCUS: FAITH:** Elijah fears being killed, like the other prophets. What do we fear and how does that affect our faith?

**PRELUDE** — Betsy Foushee

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** — Lin

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** — Lin

**\*OPENING HYMN** UMH #129 “Give To the Winds Your Fears”

1. Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be undismayed.

God hears thy sighs and counts thy fears, God shall lift up thy head.

2. Through waves and clouds and storms, God gently clears thy way;  
Wait thou God's time; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.

3. Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to command;  
So shalt thou, wondering, own that way, how wise, how strong this hand.

4. Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare,  
And publish with our latest breath thy love and guardian care.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 34*) — Suzanne Gallagher

One: Bless the Lord always! Let your praise of God be never-ending!

**Many: We count all our accomplishments as blessings from God.**

One: We gather here to lift up the name of God and worship together as a family of faith.

**Many: God heard when we called, and relieved us of all our pain and burdens.**

One: O taste and see that the Lord is good.

**All: Happy are those who take their refuge in God.**

**OPENING PRAYER** — Lin

**SPECIAL MUSIC** — Scott Anderson “The Shall the Righteous Shine Forth” by Felix Mendelssohn

**HYMN**

TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

**CHILDREN’S STORY** — Sue Mercer

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Kings 19:1-15 — Suzanne Gallagher

<sup>1</sup> Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup> Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” <sup>3</sup> Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. <sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” <sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” <sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” <sup>8</sup> He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. <sup>9</sup> At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup> He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>11</sup> He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup> He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>15a</sup> Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus.”

**MESSAGE**

“What Are You Doing Here?”

Rev. Lin Cheek

**RESPONSIVE HYMN**

UMH #507 "Through It All" (Sing through twice)

Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God;  
Through it all, through it all, I've learned to depend upon God's Word.

**OFFERTORY — Lin****\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Suzanne Gallagher**

**ALL: God of mercy and grace, your patience with us is beyond our imagination. Though we bring our gifts to the altar, sometimes we feel burnt out, like Elijah. Sometimes, we would rather quit than be sent out on one more mission. Show us another glimpse of your divine purpose, Lord, and inspire us once more to get up and go into a world in need. We dedicate not only our gifts, but also our feet, our hands, and our hearts to your purpose in the world. In your son's holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER — Lin**

**All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

UMH #127 "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

**\*BENEDICTION — Lin**

**POSTLUDE** — Betsy Foushee

Prelude/Postlude—Betsy Foushee

Offertory— Betsy Foushee

Organ — Ginny Shaw

Special Music — Scott Anderson “Then Shall the Righteous Shine”

Liturgist — Suzanne Gallagher

Accomp.—Betsy Foushee

Song Leader— Janice Bachmann

Violin — Rae Ann

Children’s Message— Sue Mercer