



*Sunday Worship*  
*June 20, 2021*  
*Draw near to God*  
*for God is waiting for you.*

*PRELUDE*

*\*CALL TO WORSHIP*

*In the midst of life's storms, God is there.*

**What have we to fear?**

*In the darkness and terror, God is with us.*

**Of whom shall we be afraid?**

*Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.*

**Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us. Amen.**

*\*OPENING PRAYER*

**Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled sea;**

**Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward faith;**

**Ever-present God, who fills us with awe but also raises many questions without easy answers;**

**Open our eyes to see you in our boat—today. Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead.**

**Open our ears to hear the word you speak. This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*\*HYMN #39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee.**

**Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not. As thou has been thou forever wilt be.**

*Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning,, new mercies I see.*

*All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

**2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness mercy, and love. Refrain**

**3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain**

*CALL TO CONFESSION*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS*

**Merciful God, when lashed by life's windstorms we often lash out in return. Forgive us when we blame you or others for our troubles. Teach us to find you in the eye of the storm. Show us the calm center that comes from a word of peace. Amen.**

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING*

**Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.**

*\*GLORIA PATRI*

**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.**

*OLD TESTAMENT LESSON* 1 Samuel 17:32-49

<sup>32</sup> David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." <sup>33</sup> Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." <sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. <sup>36</sup> Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." <sup>37</sup> David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!"

<sup>38</sup> Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. <sup>39</sup> David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. <sup>40</sup> Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

<sup>41</sup> The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. <sup>42</sup> When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. <sup>43</sup> The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup> The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." <sup>45</sup> But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup> and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand."

<sup>48</sup> When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup> David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

*TIME WITH THE CHILDREN*

*\*HYMN #612* We Praise You, O God

**1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.**

**We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

**2. We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been.**

**When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

**3. With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.**

**With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praised!**

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON* Mark 4:35-41

<sup>35</sup> On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup> And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup> A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup> But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup> He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind

ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup> And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

*SERMON* Weathering the Storm

*STATEMENT OF FAITH* The Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING*

*DOXOLOGY*

**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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

**Merciful God, we thank you for the many ways that gifts are offered in your service. We especially thank you for fathers and elders whose love and wisdom have touched our lives and our church. Help the elders among us nurture the young in our midst, just as Saul took a chance on young David. Help the young among us honor their elders, even as they are true to their own callings. Accept our gifts, we pray, and bless now this morning’s offerings, that we might do your will in this place and in all the world. Amen.**

*JOYS AND CONCERNS*

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER*

**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.**

*\*HYMN #463* How Firm a Foundation

**1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge in Jesus have fled?**

**2. “Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**3. When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**4. “When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**5. “The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all heal should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no, never, no never forsake.”**

*\*BENEDICTION*

*POSTLUDE*

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\* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able

*italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: June 20, 2021**

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOLLOWING WORSHIP TODAY** In honor of Father's Day, the Youth Group is inviting everyone to join together on the front porch for ice cream and fellowship.

**PASTOR SU WILL BE ON VACATION June 21-27** For pastoral emergencies please contact Maggie Rash 215-534-4451 or Missi Dell'Orefice 267-240-6222. Amy Ruhf will preach during Sunday worship on June 27<sup>th</sup> while Pastor Su is away.

### **CELEBRATION OF CAMPING MINISTRY AT KIRKWOOD**

For a variety of reasons, Kirkwood has been closed. We want to honor its impact by holding a Kirkwood celebration on **July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Ruth farm**. We will have a picnic with hotdogs and sides as well as toast marshmallows for s'mores. There will be games and a sing-a-long. Bring a lawn chair and your favorite camping memories! Please call the church office to sign up or stop by the church.

### **WEDNESDAY NOONTIME LUNCH CONTINUES THROUGH THE SUMMER**

Bring your lunch, a lawn chair and your good company as we share fellowship together at noon.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPLORERS July 12 – 16, 2021** Monday – Friday, 9:00-3:00, kids in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in a weeklong series of adventures. Registration numbers are restricted to 10. Friends are welcome. Sign up by calling the church office. Contact Pastor Su if you have any questions.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – July 19 – 23 2021, 9AM – noon. Check our Website [www.forestgrovechurch.org](http://www.forestgrovechurch.org) for more information and/or go to [vbspro.events/p/dp9219](https://vbspro.events/p/dp9219) to sign up. Share the information with your friends or family with children. You do not need to be a member of FGPC to attend VBS. Or call the Church office at 215-794-8575. Call Kim King 215-340-0530 or Beth Conti 267-491-5646 to volunteer.

**Calendar:** Su's on Vacation all week  
Office Closed Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup>, Susan is taking a vacation day.

**In our thoughts and prayers:** The Conner/Lang Family, Diane Dauer, Aleena Lang, Natalie Pizza, Bill Wark, Nancy Yerkes, Raymond Tinari, Dick Wright