



**First United Methodist Church
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**The altar flowers were given In honor of John Elliott
and in memory of Dave Huff and Bill Elliott. by
Annalee and Emmerson Kuyper, and Adeline and
Jack Elliot.**

God and God Alone, McHugh, arr. Kaiser

62 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
 2. O broth-er wind, air, clouds, and rain, by which all crea-tures ye sus-
 3. O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for thy Lord to
 4. Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-fold-est bless-ings on our
 5. All ye who are of ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers, take your

Harmony

Unison

sing, O praise ye! Al-le-lu-ia! O broth-er sun with
 tain, O praise ye! Al-le-lu-ia! Thou ris-ing morn, in
 hear, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! O broth-er fire who
 way, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! The flowers and fruits that
 part, O praise ye! Al-le-lu-ia! Ye who long pain and

Refrain (Harmony)

gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon with sil-ver gleam!
 praise-re-joice, ye lights of eve-ning, find a voice!
 lights the night, pro-vid-ing warmth, en-hanc-ing sight, O praise ye!
 in thee grow, let them God's glo-ry al-so show!
 sor-row bear, praise God and on him cast your care!

Unison

O praise ye! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

6. And thou, our sister, gentle death,
 waiting to hush our latest breath,
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Thou ledest home the child of God,
 and Christ our Lord the way has trod,
Refrain

7. Let all things their Creator bless,
 and worship him in humbleness,
 O praise ye! Alleluia!
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
 and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Refrain

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

Leader: We desire to live in God's house

People: **and to seek God in his holy temple.**

Leader: We have come with shouts of joy,

People: **to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: **Teach us your ways and make straight our paths**

In this hour of worship and always.

* OPENING PRAYER

O God, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love.

Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts,

that with steady minds and burning zeal

we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic+ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI (*No. 70*)

MEINEKE

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 17:1-11 (CEB)

¹ The Philistines assembled their troops for war at Socoh of Judah. They camped between Socoh and Azekah at Ephes-dammim.

² Saul and the Israelite army assembled and camped in the Elah Valley, where they got organized to fight the Philistines. ³ The Philistines took positions on one hill while Israel took positions on the opposite hill. There was a valley between them.

⁴ A champion named Goliath from Gath came out from the Philistine camp. He was more than nine feet tall. ⁵ He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore bronze scale-armor weighing one hundred twenty-five pounds. ⁶ He had bronze plates on his shins, and a bronze scimitar hung on his back. ⁷ His spear shaft was as strong as the bar on a weaver's loom, and its iron head weighed fifteen pounds. His shield-bearer walked in front of him.

⁸ He stopped and shouted to the Israelite troops, "Why have you come and taken up battle formations? I am the Philistine champion, and you are Saul's servants. Isn't that right? Select one of your men, and let him come down against me. ⁹ If he is able to fight me and kill me, then we will become your slaves, but if I overcome him and kill him, then you will become our slaves and you will serve us. ¹⁰ I insult Israel's troops today!" The Philistine continued, "Give me an opponent, and we'll fight!" ¹¹ When Saul and all Israel heard what the Philistine said, they were distressed and terrified.

OFFERTORY

SECOND READING

1 Samuel 17:12-25 (CEB)

¹² Now David was Jesse's son, an Ephraimite from Bethlehem in Judah who had eight sons. By Saul's time, Jesse was already quite old and far along in age. ¹³ Jesse's three oldest sons had gone with Saul to war. Their names were Eliab the oldest, Abinadab the second oldest, and Shammah the third oldest. ¹⁴ (David was the youngest.) These three older sons followed Saul, ¹⁵ but David went back and forth from Saul's side to shepherd his father's flock in Bethlehem.

¹⁶ For forty days straight the Philistine came out and took his stand, both morning and evening. ¹⁷ Jesse said to his son David, "Please take your brothers an ephah of this roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread. Deliver them quickly to your brothers in the camp. ¹⁸ And here, take these ten wedges of cheese to their unit commander. Find out how your brothers are doing and bring back some sign that they are okay. ¹⁹ They are with Saul and all the Israelite troops fighting the Philistines in the Elah Valley."

²⁰ So David got up early in the morning, left someone in charge of the flock and loaded up and left, just as his father Jesse had instructed him. He reached the camp right when the army was taking up their battle formations and shouting the war cry. ²¹ Israel and the Philistines took up their battle formations opposite each other. ²² David left his things with an attendant and ran to the front line. When he arrived, he asked how his brothers were doing. ²³ Right when David was speaking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, came forward from the Philistine ranks and said the same things he had said before. David listened. ²⁴ When the Israelites saw Goliath, every one of them ran away terrified of him. (²⁵ Now the Israelite soldiers had been saying to each other: "Do you see this man who keeps coming out? How he comes to insult Israel? The king will reward with great riches whoever kills that man. The king will give his own daughter to him and make his household exempt from taxes in Israel.")

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

THE BOOK OF THE CHURCH: HOLY SCRIPTURE

Thy Word Is a Lamp

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Refrain (Unison)

Thy word is a lamp un - to my feet and a
light un - to my path. 1. When I feel a -fraid,
2. Now I will not for - get your
think I've lost my way, still you're there right be - side me, and
love for me and yet my heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.
noth - ing will I fear as long as you are near.
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and
Please be near me to the end.
I will love you to the end.

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THY WORD
Irr. with Refrain

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 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.

²⁶ David asked the soldiers standing by him, “What will be done for the person who kills that Philistine over there and removes this insult from Israel? Who is that uncircumcised Philistine, anyway, that he can get away with insulting the army of the living God?”

²⁷ Then the troops repeated to him what they had been saying. “So that’s what will be done for the man who kills him,” they said.

²⁸ When David’s oldest brother Eliab heard him talking to the soldiers, he got very mad at David. “Why did you come down here?” he said. “Who is watching those few sheep for you in the wilderness? I know how arrogant you are and your devious plan: you came down just to see the battle!”

²⁹ “What did I do wrong this time?” David replied. “It was just a question!”

³⁰ So David turned to someone else and asked the same thing, and the people said the same thing in reply. ³¹ The things David had said were overheard and reported to Saul, who sent for him.

³² “Don’t let anyone lose courage because of this Philistine!” David told Saul. “I, your servant, will go out and fight him!”

³³ “You can’t go out and fight this Philistine,” Saul answered David. “You are still a boy. But he’s been a warrior since he was a boy!”

³⁴ “Your servant has kept his father’s sheep,” David replied to Saul, “and if ever a lion or a bear came and carried off one of the flock, ³⁵ I would go after it, strike it, and rescue the animal from its mouth. If it turned on me, I would grab it at its jaw, strike it, and kill it. ³⁶ Your servant has fought both lions and bears. This uncircumcised Philistine will be just like one of them because he has insulted the army of the living God.

³⁷ “The LORD,” David added, “who rescued me from the power of both lions and bears, will rescue me from the power of this Philistine.”

ANTHEM

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You
(Savannah Etter)

FOURTH READING

1 Samuel 17: (CEB)

“Go!” Saul replied to David. “And may the LORD be with you!”

³⁸ Then Saul dressed David in his own gear, putting a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹ David strapped his sword on over the armor, but he couldn’t walk around well because he’d never tried it before. “I can’t walk in this,” David told Saul, “because I’ve never tried it before.” So he took them off. ⁴⁰ He then grabbed his staff and chose five smooth stones from the streambed. He put them in the pocket of his shepherd’s bag and with sling in hand went out to the Philistine.

⁴¹ The Philistine got closer and closer to David, and his shield-bearer was in front of him. ⁴² When the Philistine looked David over, he sneered at David because he was just a boy; reddish brown and good-looking.

⁴³ The Philistine asked David, “Am I some sort of dog that you come at me with sticks?” And he cursed David by his gods.

⁴⁴ “Come here,” he said to David, “and I’ll feed your flesh to the wild birds and the wild animals!”

⁴⁵ But David told the Philistine, “You are coming against me with sword, spear, and scimitar, but I come against you in the name of the LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel’s army, the one you’ve insulted. ⁴⁶ Today the LORD will hand you over to me. I will strike you down and cut off your head! Today I will feed your dead body and the dead bodies of the entire Philistine camp to the wild birds and the wild animals. Then the whole world will know that there is a God on Israel’s side. ⁴⁷ And all those gathered here will know that the LORD doesn’t save by means of sword and spear. The LORD owns this war, and he will hand all of you over to us.”

⁴⁸ The Philistine got up and moved closer to attack David, and David ran quickly to the front line to face him. ⁴⁹ David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone. He slung it, and it hit the Philistine on his forehead. The stone penetrated his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

SERMON

Michael Neubert

Kings: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor:

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

People:

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor:

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day
when justice shall roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor:

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
At his ascension you exalted him
to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

PROVIDENCE

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 133

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev - er -
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev - er -
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
Lean-ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing,
lean-ing on Je - sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean -
lean-ing on

ing, lean - ing,
Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

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SHOWALTER
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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

No, Not One, Hugg, arr. Schubert

