

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

June 18, 2023 at 10 am

*“The LORD doesn’t see things the way you see them.  
People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7)*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

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### HYMN #485: “TO GOD BE THE GLORY”

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To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done.*

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *[Refrain]*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

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Sing praises to God and to his name!  
Sing loud praises to him who rides the clouds.  
His name is the LORD—  
rejoice in his presence!

**A father to the fatherless,  
the defender of widows and all who need protection—  
this is God, whose dwelling is holy.**

God places the lonely in families;  
he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy.

**Praise the Lord; praise God our savior!  
For each day he carries us in his arms.**

Come let us worship our loving and eternal Father,  
our Redeemer from ages past.

*Based on Psalm 68:4–6, 19 and Isaiah 63:16*

\* Please stand if you are able

***"HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US"***

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How deep the Father's love for us  
 How vast beyond all measure  
 That He should give His only Son  
 To make a wretch His treasure  
 How great the pain of searing loss  
 The Father turns His face away  
 As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
 Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross  
 My sin upon His shoulders  
 Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
 Call out among the scoffers  
 It was my sin that held Him there  
 Until it was accomplished  
 His dying breath has brought me life  
 I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything  
 No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
 But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
 His death and resurrection  
 Why should I gain from His reward  
 I cannot give an answer  
 But this I know with all my heart  
 His wounds have paid my ransom.

*"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" by Stuart Townend,  
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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)**

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**Our God, Father that you are,  
 you know what is right for us,  
 but too often, like rebellious children,  
 we only want our way or no way—instead of your way.**

**We confess that we have sinned and fallen short  
 of what You would have us be as your children.  
 Have mercy upon us when we turn from you.  
 Forgive us when we do not realize  
 your fatherly love and direction for us.**

**Teach us anew how to follow you,  
 Father that you are.**

**We pray this through your Son,  
 our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

*After corporate prayer we will have a few moments of silence for personal confession.*

**CHOIR**

## THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *"The Measure of a Man"*

### 1 Samuel 17:1-50

The Philistines now mustered their army for battle and camped between Socoh in Judah and Azekah at Ephes-dammim. <sup>2</sup> Saul countered by gathering his Israelite troops near the valley of Elah. <sup>3</sup> So the Philistines and Israelites faced each other on opposite hills, with the valley between them.

<sup>4</sup> Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall! <sup>5</sup> He wore a bronze helmet, and his bronze coat of mail weighed 125 pounds. <sup>6</sup> He also wore bronze leg armor, and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulder. <sup>7</sup> The shaft of his spear was as heavy and thick as a weaver's beam, tipped with an iron spearhead that weighed 15 pounds. . . .

<sup>8</sup> Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. "Why are you all coming out to fight?" he called. "I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me! <sup>9</sup> If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! <sup>10</sup> I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!" <sup>11</sup> When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken. . . .

<sup>17</sup> One day Jesse said to David, "Take this basket of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread, and carry them quickly to your brothers. <sup>18</sup> And give these ten cuts of cheese to their captain. See how your brothers are getting along, and bring back a report on how they are doing." <sup>19</sup> David's brothers were with Saul and the Israelite army at the valley of Elah. . . .

<sup>20</sup> So David left the sheep with another shepherd and set out early the next morning with the gifts, as Jesse had directed him. . . . <sup>23</sup> Then David heard him shout his usual taunt to the army of Israel.

<sup>24</sup> As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright. <sup>25</sup> "Have you seen the giant?" the men asked. "He comes out each day to defy Israel. The king has offered a huge reward to anyone who kills him. He will give that man one of his daughters for a wife, and the man's entire family will be exempted from paying taxes!"

<sup>26</sup> David asked the soldiers standing nearby, "What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?" . . .

<sup>31</sup> Then David's question was reported to King Saul, and the king sent for him.

<sup>32</sup> "Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!"

<sup>33</sup> "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth."

<sup>34</sup> But David persisted. "I have been taking care of my father's sheep and goats," he said. "When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. <sup>36</sup> I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! <sup>37</sup> The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!"

Saul finally consented. "All right, go ahead," he said. "And may the LORD be with you!"

<sup>38</sup> Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. <sup>39</sup> David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before.

“I can’t go in these,” he protested to Saul. “I’m not used to them.” So David took them off again. <sup>40</sup> He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd’s bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd’s staff and sling, he started across the valley to fight the Philistine.

<sup>41</sup> Goliath walked out toward David with his shield bearer ahead of him, <sup>42</sup> sneering in contempt at this ruddy-faced boy. <sup>43</sup> “Am I a dog,” he roared at David, “that you come at me with a stick?” And he cursed David by the names of his gods. <sup>44</sup> “Come over here, and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!” Goliath yelled.

<sup>45</sup> David replied to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! <sup>47</sup> And everyone assembled here will know that the LORD rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the LORD’s battle, and he will give you to us!”

<sup>48</sup> As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him. <sup>49</sup> Reaching into his shepherd’s bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground.

<sup>50</sup> So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword.

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### **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS**

*The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support our deacons’ provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.*

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### **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.

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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### **HYMN #142: “ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME” (verses 1, 2, and 4)**

All hail the power of Jesus’ Name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all!

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all!  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all!

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

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**OFFICE CLOSED: June 16 – 27 (Call Chuck for access to church at 847-800-7119)**

### **WEBSITE: ABERDEENPRES.ORG**

## **CALENDAR**

- TODAY** Celebrating Father's Day with after church  
Pie and Ice Cream Fellowship
- Tuesday, June 20** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:00)  
Worship at Channel Point (10:30)  
Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm)
- Wed/Thurs, June 28-29** Chuck will be on vacation