



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship June 20, 2021 10am  
4th Sunday After Pentecost

### Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“Father, I Adore You”

Praise Team

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*One*)

Strength is wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.  
Strength is accepting vulnerability,  
Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.  
Strength is turning a cheek,  
Strength is loving an enemy.  
We come to worship a God who redefines our vision of strength.

SONG TO PRAISE

“Trust in You”

Praise Team

by Lauren Daigle

A TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER FOR UNITY (*video*)

God of all creation who called every being into life,  
who is mindful of humankind in all its diversity  
who embodies us with dignity,  
granting different gifts and talents to shape life in this world

we ask for your Spirit to unite us  
where we face lack of understanding and disunity  
in our churches, in our communities, in our countries.  
And in silence we lay before you the burdens of our hearts.

**(Silence)**

We ask for your Spirit to unite us  
in the face of the conflicts, hatred, and abuse of life  
experienced in so many regions of the earth  
and in silence we bring to you the pain of the victims.

**(Silence)**

We ask for your Spirit to unite us  
wherever fear prevents us from caring for our neighbor,  
from meeting people of different ethnicities, cultures,  
and faith communities with respect  
and in silence we bring to you the brokenness of human relationships.

**(Silence)**

God of all creation, in Christ we are reconciled,  
and so we ask for your uniting Spirit to help us to overcome all our divisions  
that we may live in peace. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you and all others!**

#### SONG TO PRAY

#### "Spirit Song"

by John Wimber

Christopher Callender, guitar

*Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.*

*Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.*

*Oh, let him have those things that hold you and his Spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life and make you whole.*

*Jesus, oh Jesus come and fill your lambs.*

### Equipping

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON      1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49      (Common English Bible)

The Philistines assembled their troops for war...A champion named Goliath from Gath came out from the Philistine camp. He was more than nine feet tall. He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore bronze scale-armor weighing one hundred twenty-five pounds. He had bronze plates on his shins, and a bronze scimitar hung on his back. 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.

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. 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. I insult Israel's troops today!" The Philistine continued, "Give me an opponent, and we'll fight!" When Saul and all Israel heard what the Philistine said, they were distressed and terrified.

Now Saul and all the Israelite troops were fighting the Philistines in the Elah Valley. 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. Israel and the Philistines took up their battle formations opposite each other. David left his things with an attendant and ran to the front line. When he arrived, he asked how his brothers were doing. 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.

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

"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!"

"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, 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. 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.

"The Lord," David added, "who rescued me from the power of both lions and bears, will rescue me from the power of this Philistine."

"Go!" Saul replied to David. "And may the Lord be with you!"

Then Saul dressed David in his own gear, putting a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. 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. 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.

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

The Philistine asked David, “Am I some sort of dog that you come at me with sticks?” And he cursed David by his gods. “Come here,” he said to David, “and I’ll feed your flesh to the wild birds and the wild animals!”

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. 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. 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.”

The Philistine got up and moved closer to attack David, and David ran quickly to the front line to face him. 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 facedown on the ground.

SONG TO REFLECT

“Reckless Love”  
Praise Team

by Cory Asbury

SERMON

“In God We Trust”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

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A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

SONG TO SEND

Christopher Callender, guitar & Praise Team

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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