

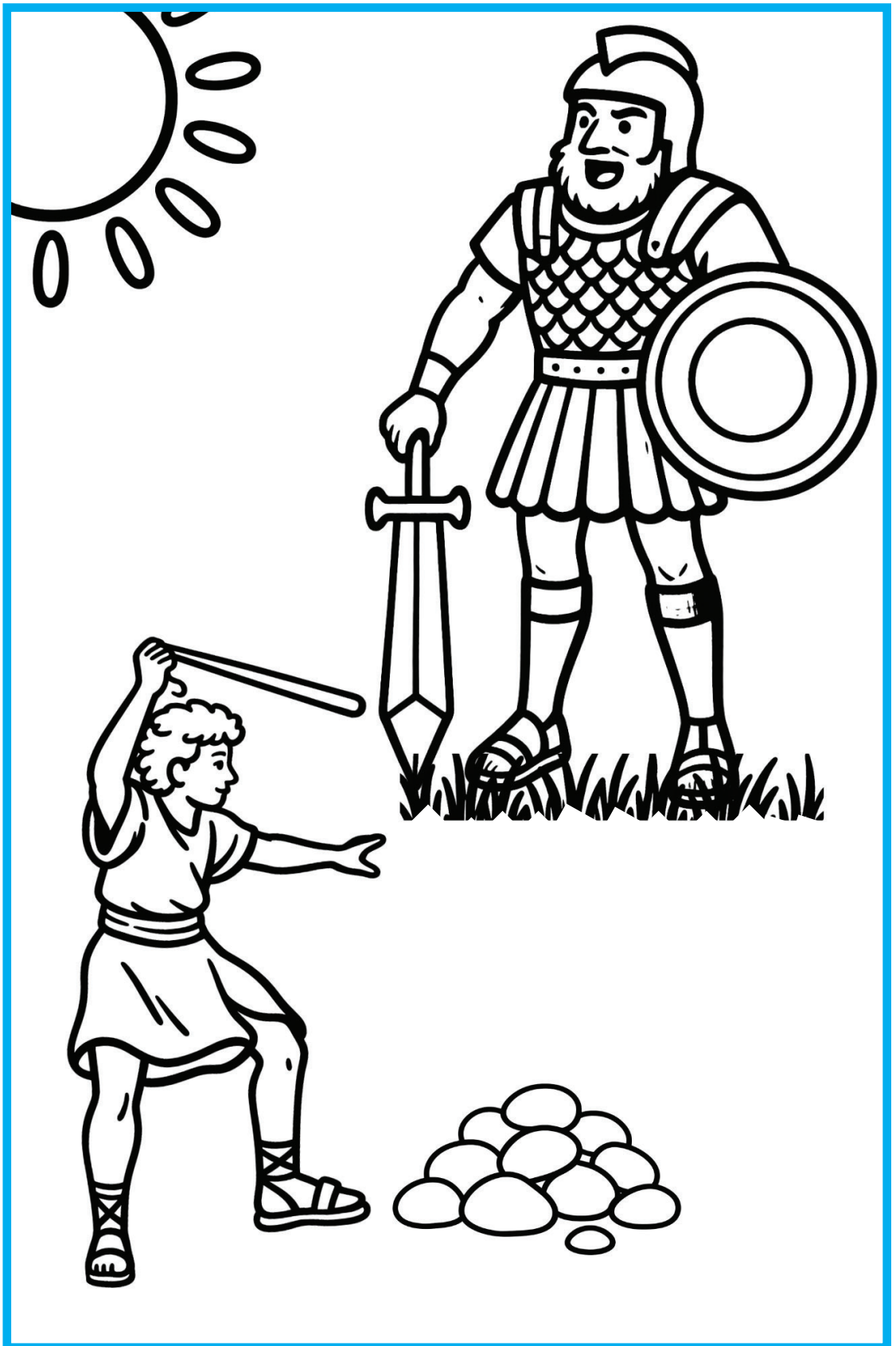


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WELCOMING
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JUNE
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2026



Villains of the Bible The Hero

Welcome to Worship

If you are a visitor please stop at the Welcome Desk in the lower level for a visitor bag.
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PREACHING:

Pastor Mike Pancoast

PRESIDING:

8 AM Pr Sue Wallager

9 AM Pr Sue Wallager

ORGANIST:

SAT KT Thompson

SUN Shari Albrecht

We experience the devastating power of evil in so many ways – yet in the face of a myriad of streams of news and commentary, it can be hard to point directly at a villain without shutting others' ears. By exploring villains in the Bible, we can create a kind of pattern recognition for discerning evil in the world. In learning this skill, we can then reflect on how God and/or God's people respond to the abuses of power with transformative love and liberation.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of Goodness and Mercy,

We confess that we have let evil confuse and discourage us. We have looked away when the powerful destroy and abuse, seeking our own “peace” at the expense of others' lives. We have caused harm and been too ashamed to face our failure and make it right. We have gotten carried away by the crowd to condemn those you love. We have let fear and jealousy guide our actions. We're sorry. Help us repair the harm we have caused, both willingly and unintentionally. Surround those we have harmed with comfort and support. Turn our hearts and our actions back to you and guide us once again in your ways of love and justice. Amen.

Our God is Love. And in God's infinite love, God has compassion for our mistakes and failures. God's goodness always perseveres through our evil. God chooses liberation and new life. And God forgives you, † abundantly, for all your sins and calls you to follow the way of love.
Amen.

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain

when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

GREETING:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Name Above All Names,

Even those you raise up are not faultless. You empower the underdog and equip those you call. Restrict the harm of heroes and role models who, upon gaining power, use it for their own benefit. Keep our hearts and actions oriented to your abundant love and deep justice and call us to repentance and repair when we cause harm. Amen.

WORD

WORD FOR KIDS (9 AM)

ACCLAMATION: Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom, vs 1

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1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.

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READING: 1 Samuel 17, 2 Samuel 11:1-27

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON: by Pastor Mike

1 My hope is built on nothing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

THE NEW CREED (from the United Church of Canada):

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition

God of mercy and grace...

Hear our Prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC - (8 & 9 AM):

Rich Goldman, clarinet; Shari Albrecht, piano

OFFERTORY: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, verse 1

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 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 and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION (Note: while our pouring chalices are out for restoration and repair we will be serving grape juice only (no wine) out of glass pitchers.)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- *The ushers will invite you forward. Please take a cup from them and proceed to a communion station.*
- *The first server will give you a wafer. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let them know.*
- *The second server will pour grape juice into your cup.*
- *After receiving communion, place your empty cup in the baskets provided as you return to your seat.*

Refrain

Have you thanked the Lord? Have you praised God's name?

Don't you know that no to - mor - row is quite the same?

Have you thanked the Lord? Have you knelt in prayer,

and re-joiced that, rain or sun-shine, our God is there?

1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Thank the Lord for sun, sand, and sea,
 2 Hal - le - lu - jah! Par - a - dise we taste where we are;
 3 Hal - le - lu - jah! Joy and peace the Sav - ior will bring.

ev - 'ry star at night that shines for you and me.
 sum-mer breez - es, win - ter warmth are nev - er far.
 Grace a - maz - ing! So we lift our voice and sing,

Bless - ings so man - y come our way:
 God's love is ev - er on dis - play:
 grate - ful when clouds are bright or gray:


have you thanked the Lord to - day?
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Refrain


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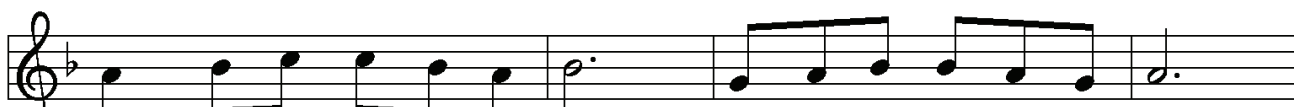
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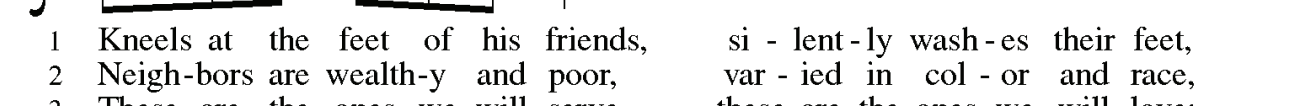
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



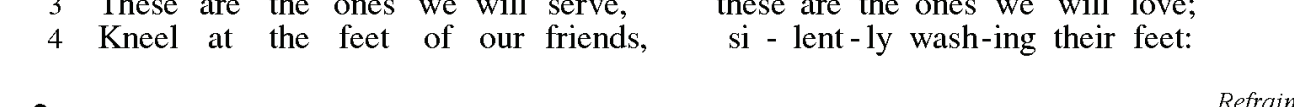
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.




1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,



2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,



3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;

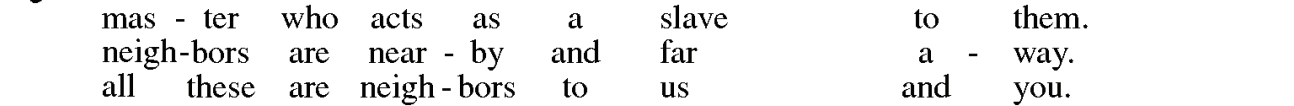


4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

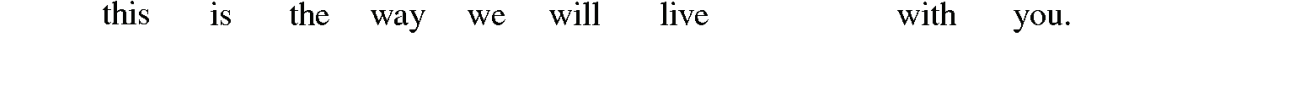
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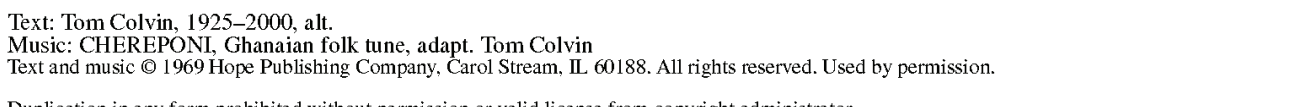
mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.



neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.



all these are neigh - bors to us and you.



this is the way we will live with you.

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Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION:

God the Creator carry you through all evil, the Teacher guide your wisdom and discernment and the Advocate defend you in justice. The Holy Three-In-One † bless you now and always. **Amen**

WE WELCOME YOU
TO WORSHIP

Hearing Assistance
Units Available

*Hearing assistance units
are available at the
sound booth at the
back of the Sanctuary.*

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*We have areas in the
sanctuary where a wheel-
chair or walker will fit.
Ushers can assist you.*

Children Welcome

*Activity bags are avail-
able outside the sanctu-
ary. We have two "pray
grounds" in the sanctuary
with plenty of places just
outside the sanctuary as
well where children can
sit and play.*

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SENDING HYMN: Lead On, O King Eternal!

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1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence - forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home,
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE