

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service – June 20, 2021

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
4th Sunday after Pentecost/Ordinary Time
Year B

1 Samuel 17:32-49
Psalm 9:9-20
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Lord, as we gather – as we gather together and as we gather ourselves – to worship you, still our hearts before you; that we may hear your voice, and see who you are. Fill us and this place that we may worship you well; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 9:9-10

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Hymn

The Invitation
Steven Pandolfi, soloist

Confession*

Mark 4:38

“They said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’”

O Christ whose voice stills the crashing of the waves, we pray for a glimpse of your peace in our lives. When all around us has given way to chaos, ground us in your presence. When our faith grows timid, refresh us by your mercy.

Help us to see that you are in the boat with us, even when we are certain that it is sinking. Forgive us when we doubt the power of your grace, O Lord, and make us agents of your reign.

(personal confession)

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Assurance and Peace

2 Corinthians 6:2

“See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!”

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God**
May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Scripture

Mark 4:35-31

Sermon

Who Is This, Indeed!

Hymn

Isaiah 43
Indelible Grace Hymnbook

Offering* and Doxology

2 Corinthians 6:12

"...our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections..."

We are invited, even urged, to open our hearts wide and to place no boundaries on our affection for God's people. Let us therefore share generously with others.

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Prayer of Dedication

Lord, we offer these our gifts in faith. In giving may we learn to trust you more, and by these gifts may your kingdom increase. Amen.

Announcements**Prayers of the People**

Holy God, you created the world and all that is in it. The wind and the sea – even the storms that assail and rock us – obey your Son. You are the source of our strength; our confidence is in you.

When we cry out to you in distress, you bring us through, for you are with us. You quiet the storm to a whisper, and hush the waves of the sea. And we have many storms, Lord. Storms within, and storms without.*

Still our hearts, that we may follow you in confident trust. And still the wind and the waves of this world, that your kingdom may be made known

Hear, Lord, our prayers for the world...

For the Church...

For our communities...

For those we call strangers...and those we label as enemies...

For those we need to forgive...and those whose forgiveness we need...

For our friends and families...for Barbara, Chuck, Jennifer and her father Ron and mother Sandy, Rachel's aunt Debbie, Maria, Maxine, Anne...

For those in need of healing...of hope...of welcome, and of comfort...for the poor; and poor in spirit; the mourning; the meek; the hungry and hungering, thirsty and thirsting; the merciful; the pure in heart; the peacemakers; and the persecuted. For you have said blessed are they; so may we live in such a way that we find ourselves in their company.

Finally, Lord, on this Fathers' Day we give thanks for our fathers, and for all those in our lives who have raised us and sacrificed for us. For all those who have shown us love, even though we did not always deserve it. We are thankful for those you have put in our lives to share your love and grace with us, and who by their words and actions have given us a picture of you and your love for us.

We also know, Lord, that earthly fathers are not perfect, and there are times we fail to love as you have loved. And so we lift up those who have not been the father they wanted to be...and those for whom the image of father is painful.

We are reminded to rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn. And so we do so, claiming the witness of fathers throughout the Bible, and we lift up:

Those who, like Adam, struggle as they see their own shortcomings passed down to their children. (Genesis 3-4)

We pray for those like David, who continue to strive to set a godly example to their children, even in the midst of failure. (2 Samuel 11-12; Psalm 51)

For those like Job, who mourn the loss of children; and those like Joseph and his brothers who mourn the loss of a father. (Job 1:20-21; Genesis 50:7-10)

For those like Ishmael, who have fathers like Abraham and are not loved by their father as they should be, and being disregarded by them. (Genesis 21:8-21)

For those like Abraham, who desire to be a father but wonder if that will ever happen. (Genesis 15:2)

We give thanks for fathers like Joseph, whose fatherly love is not dependent on biology, and for those like Mordecai, who step into the role of father when the parents are unable to. And the countless numbers of those like Paul, who are father figures to so many. (Matthew 1:18-24; Esther 2:5-7; 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12)

For those like Jairus, who are persistent in humility and petitioning You on behalf of their children. (Mark 5:21-24, 35-43)

On this Father's Day, we remember those who have lost fathers...fathers who have lost children...those who's relationship with their own fathers, or their own sons and daughters are messy and complicated, and even painful.

In the midst of all of this, we look to you, who are our Lord and our God. For you are Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

And you are Father of us all. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

And through the Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory and the life you have called and invited us into, that we we may always serve, praise, and proclaim you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

We ask this in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together saying,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

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Hymn

For the Life That You Have Given
Glory to God Hymnal, #717

Charge and Benediction

Beloved of God, do not be afraid, but go in peace. For the One who stills storms and quiets raging seas is with you. Know that wherever you find yourself, you are found in the love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus the Son, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Amen.