

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**  
**June 20, 2021**  
**Gathering**

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

"On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand"  
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Arr. Adam Mason

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 9

Those who know your name put their trust in you, O Lord.

**For you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.

**We will declare your wonderful deeds among all the people.**

Let us worship God

\*OPENING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"  
*You may sing softly or hum behind your mask.*

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heav'n reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

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\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all truth, who can stand before you? We judge by outward appearance, but you examine our hearts. We see what's on the surface, but you discern beauty deep within. You offer us the deep and profound joy of living in your realm. We forget your promises and turn to pursuits that separate us from you and destroy community. We seek forgiveness and a new direction for our lives.**

*(A moment of personal reflection)*

And all of God's people said, **Amen**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SOLO

“God of Grace”  
Taylor Bailey, Soloist

Keith Getty & Jonathan Res

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free.  
O the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.  
God of grace, I stand in wonder as my God restores my soul;  
his own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace who loved and knew me long before the world began,  
sent my Savior down from heaven, perfect God and perfect man.  
God of grace, I trust in Jesus, I’m accepted as his own;  
every day new grace sustains me as I lean on him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure.  
All my fears are now confounded, and my hope is ever sure.  
God of grace, now crowned in glory where one day I’ll see your face;  
and forever I’ll adore you in your everlasting grace.

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## *Listening to the Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

CEB

<sup>35</sup> Later that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, “Let’s cross over to the other side of the lake.” <sup>36</sup> They left the crowd and took him in the boat just as he was. Other boats followed along.

<sup>37</sup> Gale-force winds arose, and waves crashed against the boat so that the boat was swamped.

<sup>38</sup> But Jesus was in the rear of the boat, sleeping on a pillow. They woke him up and said, “Teacher, don’t you care that we’re drowning?”

<sup>39</sup> He got up and gave orders to the wind, and he said to the lake, “Silence! Be still!” The wind settled down and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup> Jesus asked them, “Why are you frightened? Don’t you have faith yet?”

<sup>41</sup> Overcome with awe, they said to each other, “Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!”

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

“Calm to the Waves”  
*Soloist sings, then all sing*

Tune: CALM SEAS

**Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Jesus whispers, “Peace be still.”**

**Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In stillness, hear his voice.**

*(All repeat, humming)*

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Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; they were gathered at Socoh, <sup>4</sup> And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. <sup>5</sup> He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. <sup>6</sup> He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. <sup>7</sup> The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. <sup>8</sup> He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. <sup>9</sup> If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." <sup>10</sup> And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." <sup>11</sup> When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

<sup>19</sup> Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. <sup>20</sup> David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. <sup>21</sup> Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. <sup>22</sup> David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. <sup>23</sup> As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

<sup>24</sup> All the Israelites, when they saw the man, fled from him and were very much afraid. <sup>32</sup> David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." <sup>33</sup> Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." <sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. <sup>36</sup> Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." <sup>37</sup> David said, "The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you!" <sup>38</sup> Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. <sup>39</sup> David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. <sup>40</sup> Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. <sup>41</sup> The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him.

<sup>42</sup> When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. <sup>43</sup> The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup> The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." <sup>45</sup> But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

<sup>46</sup> This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup> and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's and he will give you into our hand."

<sup>48</sup> When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to

meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup> David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground. <sup>50</sup> So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, striking down the Philistine and killing him; there was no sword in David's hand.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Your Goliath?"

Jim Musgrave

## ***Responding to God***

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from a Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. .

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*HYMN

"Fight the Good Fight"

Tune: DUKE STREET

**Fight the good fight with all thy might. Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.**

**Cast care aside; lean on thy guide. God's boundless mercy will provide.  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

**Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near. God changeth not, and thou art dear.  
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.**

John Samuel Bewley Monsell, 1863. Public Domain

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

## ***Going Forth to Serve***

\*HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

Tune: FOUNDATION

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”**

“K” in John Rippon’s *A Selection of hymns*, 1787. Public Domain

**\*WORDS OF DISMISSAL**

Live a life worthy of your calling, giving glory to God in all things. Prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Now, may the Lord bless and keep you in your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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## ***Church Notes***

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM THE CONGREGATION**

If you would like to share a Joy or Concern, we would like to hear it. In order to hear it, please raise your hand, and a microphone will be brought to you.

### **LITURGIST**

We welcome Sharon Gearing as the Liturgist this week.

### **RLPC’S RETURN TO IN PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES**

The Session and Worship committee have put into place certain protocols for the month of June. We realize that most of you have probably been vaccinated (some people have not) and precautions to protect them are appropriate.

We ask all those attending worship to:

- Wear masks over nose and mouth.
- Hand Sanitizer will be available as you enter the building.
- Maintain appropriate social distancing; we plan to block off every other pew. Family members may sit together. Please restrict any gatherings to outside.
- While singing, please sing softly or hum.
- Please suspend your regular practice of hugs and handshakes for now. We recognize how hard this is to not do, especially since we haven’t been together in over a year.
- There will be no nursery.
- You will be dismissed by rows – by ushers – front to back. **Please go directly outside.**

We plan to continue streaming our worship through YouTube and Facebook for those unable to attend in person.

The Session has approved the worship committee’s recommendation that beginning July 4<sup>th</sup> those people who are *fully vaccinated (two weeks past final dose)* do not have to wear masks if they are comfortable not wearing a mask. *We strongly* recommend that people not vaccinated continue to wear a mask. **Just a reminder about masks, we do not wear them to protect ourselves - we wear them to protect others.** All other in-person worship protocols will remain in place and will be reviewed at the July session meeting.

# Prayer List

To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,  
please call the church office (768-4141) or email [rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com)

## Prayers of Joy

Thanks be to God for RLPC and FPCSC having met with representatives of the Presbytery and have now successfully completed a call to Sharon Gearing beginning July 1. We look forward to God's hand leading us into this new venture.

We are so happy to have Anita McCormick joining us in our worship service.

## Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Cliff Asbury	Tre' Hardin	Chris Rogillio*
Jody Asbury	Brad Harkins	Ron Rogillio*
Sandy Ashworth	Willie Haynes	Carol Shumate
Merrily Bailey	Juanita Hefner	Michelle Smith
Day and Gene Bishop	Amy Jo Hickey	Susan Spurgeon*
Jennifer Fisher Braden	Carol Hill	Ike Taylor
Keyleigh Carruthers	Joe Layne	Lauren Thomas
Erin "Nikki" Childers	Cheryl Morgan	Ellie Grace Washington*
Barbara Clark*	Betty Oakes	Michael Witt
Tory Fenniger	John Oakes	
Bogan "Danny" Gumowski	Marcia Obukowicz	Family of Jan Asbury Gentry on the occasion of her death
Jordan Hamill	Jackie Pauley	
Addilyn Hardin	Joy Ratcliff	

## Prayers for our Military

Brett Baker	Brent Bishop	Evan Chaney
Jeff Barker	Steve Cash	

All who are serving, who have been injured and the families who have lost someone in combat; those who live and serve on the Korean Peninsula and other nations in that region of the world; our troops facing terrorist attacks.

**Prayers for those in Senior Residential Centers** - Cliff Asbury, Kanawha Place; Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit

**Prayers for those at home** - Reva Asbury, Jeanette Bates, Bonnie Cheely, Anita Wehrmann

**Prayer List for Churches:** Baxter Presbyterian Church, Dunmore; Frankford Presbyterian Church; Rware Parish (Roh-ARE'ray)

\*Added to Prayer List this week



# ***Good Bye***

Please join us for a  
Farewell reception to honor

***Pastor Jim Musgrave***

Sunday June 27, 2021  
Following 9:30 a.m. worship at the church

***How lucky we are to have a Pastor who makes  
saying goodbye so hard!!***