

## Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost | Sunday, September 8, 2024

### Centering Video **Ancient Words**

### Opening Words **1 Samuel 1: 1-17**

**1** There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite<sup>[a]</sup> from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. **2** He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.

**3** Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the LORD Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the LORD. **4** Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. **5** But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb. **6** Because the LORD had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. **7** This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. **8** Her husband Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?"

**9** Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the LORD's house. **10** In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly. **11** And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

**12** As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. **13** Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk **14** and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine."

**15** "Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD. **16** Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."

**17** Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him."

### **\*Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation" Hymnal 545 V1-3**

WORDS: Samuel J Stone, MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley

The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
he is his new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came  
and sought her to be  
his holy bride;

with his own blood  
he bought her,

and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith,  
one birth; one holy name  
she blesses, partakes  
one holy food,  
and to one hope  
she presses  
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful  
wonder we see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song

**Welcome**                      **Pastor Scott Clawson**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Welcome, Beloved! Why have you gathered today?

**All: We have come to worship God, who is the maker of us all!**

Leader: What do you seek from God, our Creator?

**All: We seek God's wisdom to guide us and show us how to live.**

Leader: Are you ready to follow when God's wisdom leads down unexpected paths?

**All: We will trust, and we will follow wherever God's wisdom leads us.**

Leader: Well then, Beloved of God, what are you waiting for?

**All: Come! Let us worship and seek God's uncommon wisdom together!  
Amen.**

### **Can I get a Witness?**

### **Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" Hymnal 545 V4-5**

WORDS: Samuel J Stone, MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till, with the vision glorious,  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy! Lord,  
give us grace that we like them,

the meek and the lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

## **Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

### **First Old Testament Lesson: 1 Samuel 8: 10-18**

**10** Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. **11** He said, "This is what the king who will reign over you will claim as his rights: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. **12** Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. **13** He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. **14** He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants. **15** He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his officials and attendants. **16** Your male and female servants and the best of your cattle<sup>[c]</sup> and donkeys he will take for his own use. **17** He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. **18** When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

**19** But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us. **20** Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles."

**21** When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the LORD. **22** The LORD answered, "Listen to them and give them a king."

Then Samuel said to the Israelites, "Everyone go back to your own town."

### **Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King" Hymnal 61**

Text: Anonymous, Music: Felice de Giardini

Come, thou almighty King,  
help us thy name to sing,  
help us to praise!  
Father all glorious,  
o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days

Come, thou incarnate Word,  
gird on thy mighty sword,  
our prayer attend! Come,  
and thy people bless,  
and give thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness,  
on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter,  
thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art,

now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power!

To thee, great One in Three,  
eternal praises be,  
hence, evermore.  
Thy sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore!

## **Second Old Testament Lesson 2 Samuel 7: 1-11**

**7** After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup> he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."

**3** Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you."

**4** But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:

**5** "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup> I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. <sup>7</sup> Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"'"

**8** "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup> I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning <sup>11</sup> and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders<sup>[a]</sup> over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon "I Will Build a House for You."**

**\*Hymn: "Marching to Zion" Hymnal 733**

WORDS: Isaac Watts, MUSIC: Robert Lowry

Come, we that love the Lord,  
and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord,  
join in a song with sweet accord  
and thus surround the throne,  
and thus surround the throne.

We're marching to Zion,  
beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion,  
the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing  
who never knew our God;  
but children of the heavenly King,  
but children of the heavenly King  
may speak their joys abroad,  
may speak their joys abroad.

We're marching to Zion,  
beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion,  
the beautiful city of God.

The hill of Zion yields  
a thousand sacred sweets  
before we reach the heavenly fields,  
before we reach the heavenly fields,  
or walk the golden streets,  
or walk the golden streets.

We're marching to Zion,  
beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion,  
the beautiful city of God.

Then let our songs abound  
and every year be dry;  
we're marching  
through Emmanuel's ground,  
we're marching  
through Emmanuel's ground,  
to fairer worlds on high,  
to fairer worlds on high.

We're marching to Zion,  
beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion,  
the beautiful city of God.

**Benediction: Pastor Scott Clawson**

Beloved, may God bless you today and all days with wisdom that guides you to notice the needs all around you. **We will share in the work of nurturing abundant life for all of God's creation. Amen.**

**Postlude: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**9:30 AM WORSHIP LEADERS**

Lay Reader: Joanne Robbins

Usher/Greeters: Robbins Family

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NMUMC by the Numbers: September 1, 2024**

8:15 AM: 26 9:30 AM: 33 11:00 AM: 37 Online: 24

Total Offering: \$4,915.00 *Regular Offering:* \$3,890.00

Building Fund: \$300.00 Hope4Kids: \$530.00 H4K egg sale: \$182.00

Misc. Income (bible study book): \$15.00 Pastor's Discretionary: \$170.00

*\*Regular Offering Needed to Meet Weekly Budget: \$5,060.68*

**Church Meetings**

Monday, September 9: 9:30 AM Choir Practice – 6:30 PM – ED Building

Tuesday, September 10: Scripture to Life – 10:00 AM- Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 10: Circle of Friends – 12:30 PM- Schoolhouse

Tuesday, September 10: Hope4Kids Packing Day – 6:00 PM- Schoolhouse

Tuesday, September 10: SPRC – 7:00 PM- ED Building

Wednesday, September 11: Wed Night Bible Study – 7:00 PM- Zoom

Thursday, September 12: 11 AM Choir Practice – 6:45 PM – Sanctuary

Friday, Sept 13: Young Women's Bible Study – 6:00 PM- Black Ankle  
Vineyards

**Hope4Kids Packing Day:** Please join us on Tuesday September 10 at 6 PM for our first Hope4Kids Packing Day! Many hands are needed to help with setting up and cleaning up as well. For more information, contact Kelly Herzing: [kellyherzing@hotmail.com](mailto:kellyherzing@hotmail.com)

**Wednesday Night Bible Study:** "Case for Faith: A Journalist Investigates the Toughest Objections to Christianity" by Lee Strobel. We all claim to be faithful Christians, yet do we ever doubt? Join me Wednesday night at 7 PM. beginning September 4th and ending on November 6th. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions or want to join and cannot attend church to sign up contact [pattyrob16@msm.com](mailto:pattyrob16@msm.com) or call 240-441-1170.

**Fresh Start Service:** This service will be held at 8:15 am at Fairview Chapel. (6802 Boyers Mill Rd, New Market 21774) This service is designed for those who want to get an early start on their Sunday and those who are seeking an alternate worship experience. Acoustic guitar, prayer, a short inspirational message, and communion will be highlighted. The service is designed to last a half hour. OR join us later for an evening service at 6 PM.

Our speaker this Sunday is **Greg Quintrell**

## Daily Devotions Starting September 9

### **Monday (9/9)- 1 Kings 3: 5-15**

Why is wisdom more fulfilling than riches? How do we gain wisdom? How can we faithfully use the wisdom we have attained?

### **Tuesday (9/10)- 1 Kings 17: 7-24**

We have all heard the saying: "No good deed goes unpunished." How do you think the widow felt about her trust and kindness to a man of God and then her son dies? How do you think Elijah felt? What actions did Elijah take to restore the widow's son to her?

### **Wednesday (9/11)- 1 Kings 19: 1-18**

Have you ever tried to hide from God when life becomes too much to bear? What hope can you glean from this story between God and Elijah? Even if we hide, God still pursues us and cares for us.

### **Thursday (9/12)- 2 Kings 4: 1-7**

How does this story show the providence of God toward the hopeless? What action did the widow make in this story? Who can you humbly ask to help you with a problem today?

### **Friday (9/13)- 2 Kings 5: 1-15**

Why was Naaman offended that Elisha did not come and see and heal him in person? What things offend us about others and why? How can you resolve this in your own heart?

### **Saturday (9/14)- 2 Kings 2:23-25 and 2 Kings 6:1-7**

These are just fun and weird stories from the 2 Book of Kings? Why was retrieving the axe head important to the sawyer? Have you ever wished you could reign vengeance down on someone who has harmed you with words? What stopped you from doing so?

### **Sunday (9/15)- Worship in Person or Online.**