

# Sunday Worship

June 13, 2021

9:30 a.m.

*Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.*

## Our Approach to God

Prelude *Faith* Getty, Getty & Townsend  
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### The Call to Worship

The God we worship is the giver of life:

**the One who makes the dry tree green and grows a forest from the smallest seed.**

The God we worship is the giver of life:

**the One who forms us, names us, loves us, and teaches us to share our lives with the world.**

Let us worship God together. Amen!

The Hymn of Praise *The Church's One Foundation* 442  
(verses 1&4)

The Call to Confession **2 Corinthians 5:17**

When we gather to worship God, we remember that we are God's people, but we have often preferred our way instead of God's. Trusting in God's power to make us new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### The Prayer of Confession

When our actions are not consistent with the truth of your gospel,

**forgive us, Lord. Cleanse us and free us.**

When our lives do not proclaim the power of your love,

**compel us, Lord. Free us and forgive us.**

When our minds are full of self-condemnation, with no room for your grace,

**revive us Lord, Forgive us and compel us.**

For our lives are rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ,

**and through Christ's love alone we are reconciled to you.**

**Hear us Lord, as we approach you in the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions (Silence).**

**Renew us with the love of Christ so that we live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who became the see of your righteousness in us. Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon **2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17**

**We who walk by faith and not by sight believe the good news.** If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**Praise be to God for the mercy and grace that forgives our sins. Alleluia. Amen!**

The Response *Sanctuary* CCLI #24140

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

The Special Music *It Is Well With My Soul* CCLI #5875665  
Bliss, Stafford, Fielding, & Morgan

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

The Gospel Reading Mark 4:26-34

The Sermon "The Surprising Choice" Pastor Philomena

## Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith **(from the Confession of 1967)**

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

The Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* 473  
(verses 1, 3 & 5)

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Be Not Afraid* Dufford, SJ & Hayes

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The Prayer of Dedication

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Go Now* Peterson & Olson

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*Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.*

## 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Good News Translation

<sup>34</sup> Then Samuel went to Ramah, and King Saul went home to Gibeah. <sup>35</sup> As long as Samuel lived, he never again saw the king; but he grieved over him.

The LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king of Israel. **16** The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you go on grieving over Saul? I have rejected him as king of Israel. But now get some olive oil and go to Bethlehem, to a man named Jesse, because I have chosen one of his sons to be king." <sup>2</sup> "How can I do that?" Samuel asked. "If Saul hears about it, he will kill me!"

The LORD answered, "Take a calf with you and say that you are there to offer a sacrifice to the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will tell you what to do. You will anoint as king the man I tell you to." <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD told him to do and went to Bethlehem, where the city leaders came trembling to meet him and asked, "Is this a peaceful visit, seer?" <sup>5</sup> "Yes," he answered. "I have come to offer a sacrifice to the LORD. Purify yourselves and come with me." He also told Jesse and his sons to purify themselves, and he invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Jesse's son Eliab and said to himself, "This man standing here in the LORD's presence is surely the one he has chosen." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to him, "Pay no attention to how tall and handsome he is. I have rejected him, because I do not judge as people judge. They look at the outward appearance, but I look at the heart."

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called his son Abinadab and brought him to Samuel. But Samuel said, "No, the LORD hasn't chosen him either." <sup>9</sup> Jesse then brought Shammah. "No, the LORD hasn't chosen him either," Samuel said. <sup>10</sup> In this way Jesse brought seven of his sons to Samuel. And Samuel said to him, "No, the LORD hasn't chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup> Then he asked him, "Do you have any more sons?" Jesse answered, "There is still the youngest, but he is out taking care of the sheep."

"Tell him to come here," Samuel said. "We won't offer the sacrifice until he comes." <sup>12</sup> So Jesse sent for him. He was a handsome, healthy young man, and his eyes sparkled. The LORD said to Samuel, "This is the one—anoint him!" <sup>13</sup> Samuel took the olive oil and anointed David in front of his brothers. Immediately the spirit of the LORD took control of David and was with him from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah.

## Mark 4:26-34 Good News Translation

### **The Parable of the Growing Seed**

<sup>26</sup> Jesus went on to say, "The Kingdom of God is like this. A man scatters seed in his field. <sup>27</sup> He sleeps at night, is up and about during the day, and all the while the seeds are sprouting and growing. Yet he does not know how it happens. <sup>28</sup> The soil itself makes the plants grow and bear fruit; first the tender stalk appears, then the head, and finally the head full of grain. <sup>29</sup> When the grain is ripe, the man starts cutting it with his sickle, because harvest time has come.

### **The Parable of the Mustard Seed**

<sup>30</sup> "What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like?" asked Jesus. "What parable shall we use to explain it? <sup>31</sup> It is like this. A man takes a mustard seed, the smallest seed in the world, and plants it in the ground. <sup>32</sup> After a while it grows up and becomes the biggest of all plants. It puts out such large branches that the birds come and make their nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup> Jesus preached his message to the people, using many other parables like these; he told them as much as they could understand. <sup>34</sup> He would not speak to them without using parables, but when he was alone with his disciples, he would explain everything to them.