

July 28, 2024

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart
"To God Be the Glory" W.H. Doane/Paul Mickelson

**Call to Worship

May every family in heaven and on earth gather in name and spirit.

May God pour out courage and compassion on our congregation through the Spirit.

May our minds and hearts be open to receive the fullness of Christ's likeness.

From generation to generation, God's grace is abundant!

**Opening Hymn "To God Be the Glory" UMH #98

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy Spirit, meet us here. Find our spirits open and our hearts receptive to your word for us this day. With our songs and prayers, our witness and reflection, may we faithfully follow you and your ways. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Break Thou the Bread of Life" UMH #599

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 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.

Offering/Offertory Carol Stewart
"Yield Not to Temptation" Horatio R. Palmer

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Merciful Lord, there is nowhere we can go—in the heavens above, or the earth and ocean below—to escape your loving care. Receive today the offering we make and bless our gifts, that they may be a blessing. May this offering reflect our sincerest hope that all may be filled with your fullness. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Erika Stone, guitar
Suzanne Bandy, Erika Stone & Michaela Skaggs, vocal trio
"Lord, I Need You" arr. by R. Loucks

Scripture Reading

L: The Word of God for the People of God.
P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Sermon

"Call to Confession" Pastor Jeff Bandy

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Merciful God, we hear the story of David and wonder how he could so abuse his power—serving his own interests in such a selfish way. How different from the way Jesus used his power—serving, healing, and nurturing others.

All: Forgive us when our actions reflect those of David more than those of Jesus.

Pastor: The account of David shows someone yielding to temptation by feeding his own particular hunger with disastrous results, while Jesus took time to feed the crowds with miraculous results.

All: Forgive us the times when we have yielded to the temptation of feeding our own interests to the detriment of others around us.

Pastor: David demonstrated how things can get out of control when God's ways are not followed, while Jesus demonstrates how God's power can bring peace even into the stormiest situations.

All: We confess that the way of the world does reflect more the way of David than the way of Jesus, and we pray that we may be powerfully strengthened by the Holy Spirit to witness to Jesus' love and compassion in and through all we do and say. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

**Closing Hymn "My Hope Is Built" (v. 1,2,4) UMH #368

**Sending Forth

Postlude

"The Solid Rock" Carol Stewart
William B. Bradbury/Don Hustad



*The Altar Flowers are given in honor of
all the Vacation Bible School Volunteers.*

Scripture Reading – 2 Samuel 11:1-15 (NIV)

David and Bathsheba

¹¹ In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

² One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, ³ and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." ⁴ Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. ⁵ The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

⁶ So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David. ⁷ When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. ⁸ Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. ⁹ But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house.

¹⁰ David was told, "Uriah did not go home." So he asked Uriah, "Haven't you just come from a military campaign? Why didn't you go home?"

¹¹ Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!"

¹² Then David said to him, "Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. ¹³ At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home.

¹⁴ In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. ¹⁵ In it he wrote, "Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die."



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

July 28, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Rick Smith, Joyce Smith Ed Stidham, Margaret Stidham
Greeters	Glen Shaw, Carol Shaw
Liturgist	Joyce Smith
Organist	Carol Stewart



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