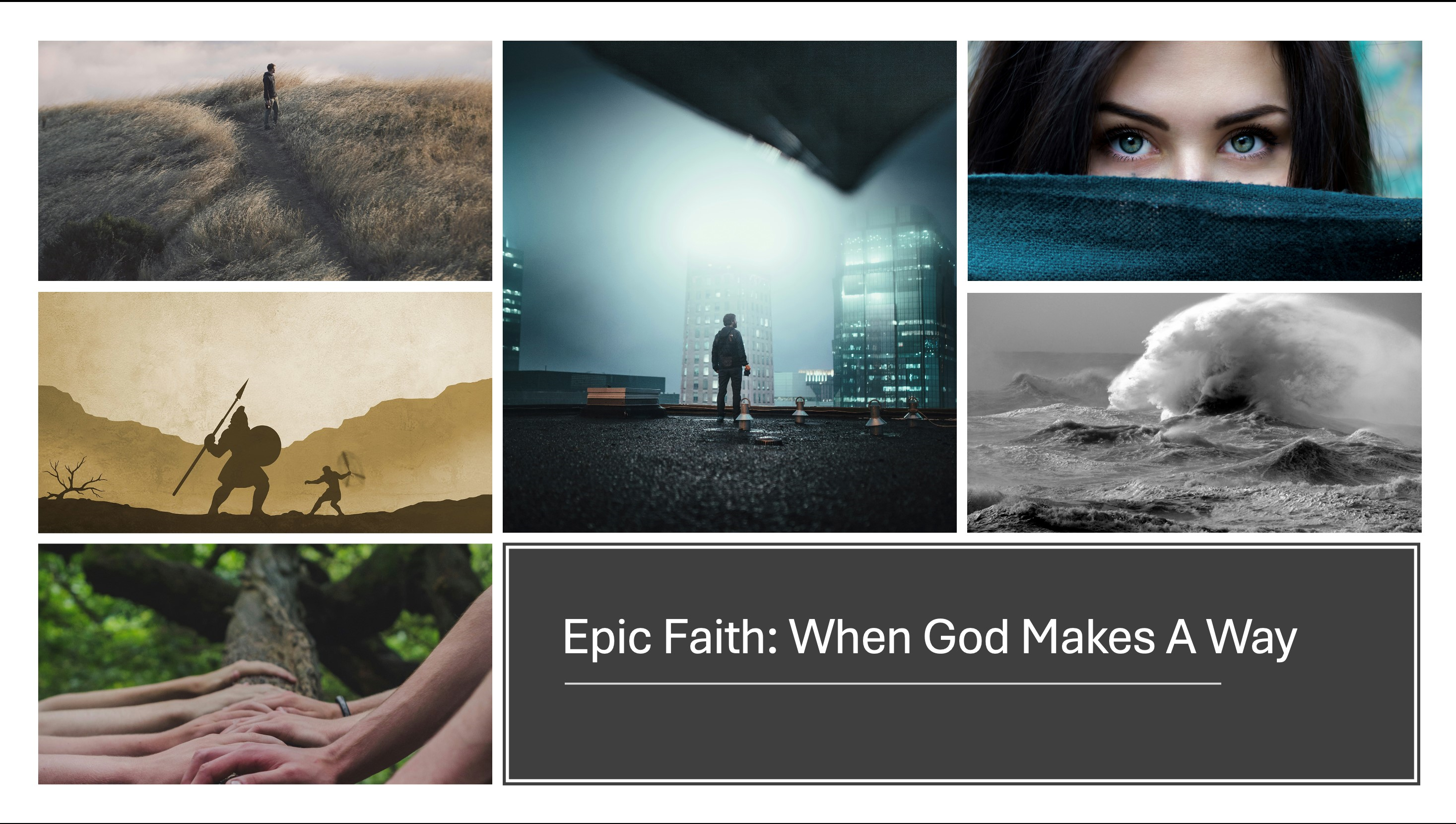
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9th Sunday after Pentecost, July 21st, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

*\*Please stand*

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *Spiritual Medley* arr. Mickelson

Kathy Ferguson, piano;

Janet Tolman, organ

\*Call to Worship

One: When the call comes and fear takes hold,

All: Let us listen closely and then be bold!

One: When the storm rages and the sea roars

All: Let us fear not, God’s love endures!

One: Even when we are swallowed whole, hope is found

All: God’s mercy reaches us, even when we are down.

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**\*Hymn of Praise** 66 Praise, *My soul, the King of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,

to the throne thy tribute bring;

ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

evermore God's praises sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor

to all people in distress;

praise God, still the same as ever,

slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.

3. Father like, God tends and spares us,

well our feeble frame God knows;

motherlike, God gently bears us,

rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.

4. Angels in the heights adoring,

you behold God face to face;

saints triumphant, now adoring,

gathered in from every race.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Opening Prayer

Loving Creator, when we run from Your call, remind us of Your unwavering presence and grace. In the midst of life’s storms give us courage, let us see the second chances you offer, and guide us with your boundless love, always and forever, Amen.

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Scripture Lesson   Psalm 48

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised

in the city of our God;

whose holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,

is the joy of all the earth,

Mount Zion, in the far north,

the city of the great Ruler.

Within its citadels God

has proven a sure defense.

For lo, the kings assembled,

they marched together.

As soon as they saw it, they were astounded,

they were in panic, they took to flight;

trembling took hold of them there,

anguish as of woman in labor,

as when an east wind shatters

the ships of Tarshish.

As we have heard, so have we seen

in the city of the Lord of hosts,

in the city of our God,

which God establishes forever.

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,

in the midst of your temple.

As your name, O God,

so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Your right hand is filled with victory;

let Mount Zion be glad!

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice

because of your judgments!

Walk about Zion, go around about it,

number its towers,

consider well its ramparts,

go through its citadels,

that you may tell the next generation,

“This is God, our God forever and ever.

God will be our guide forever.”

**Music of Preparation** 121 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

WELLESLEY

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

2. There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good! There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.

3. For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

4. If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word; and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

Gospel Lesson Jonah 1:1-17

Sermon Epic Faith: When God makes a way Part 3 There's this fish

Musical Response

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor:  Hear the Good News, Christ is among us renewing us for life with love.  In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Christ you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God, Amen.**

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Here I Am, Lord* arr. John Carter

Kathy Ferguson and

Janet Tolman, piano

\*Doxology 95 *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Offertory Prayer

**\*Closing Hymn** 463 *Lord, Speak to Me*

CANONBURY

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak

in living echoes of thy tone; as thou hast sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.

2. O strengthen me, that while I stand

firm on the rock, and strong in thee,

I may stretch out a loving hand

to wrestlers with the troubled sea.

4. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,

until my very heart o'erflow

in kindling thought and glowing word,

thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

5. O use me, Lord, use even me,

just as thou wilt, and when, and where,

until thy blessed face I see,

thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

\*Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace

Postlude *How Majestic Is Your Name*

arr. Fred Bock

Kathy Ferguson, piano

Janet Tolman, organ

Liturgist: Susan Schreiner

Stephen Minister: Bob Stoebe

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Words: Frederick W Faber, 1854

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