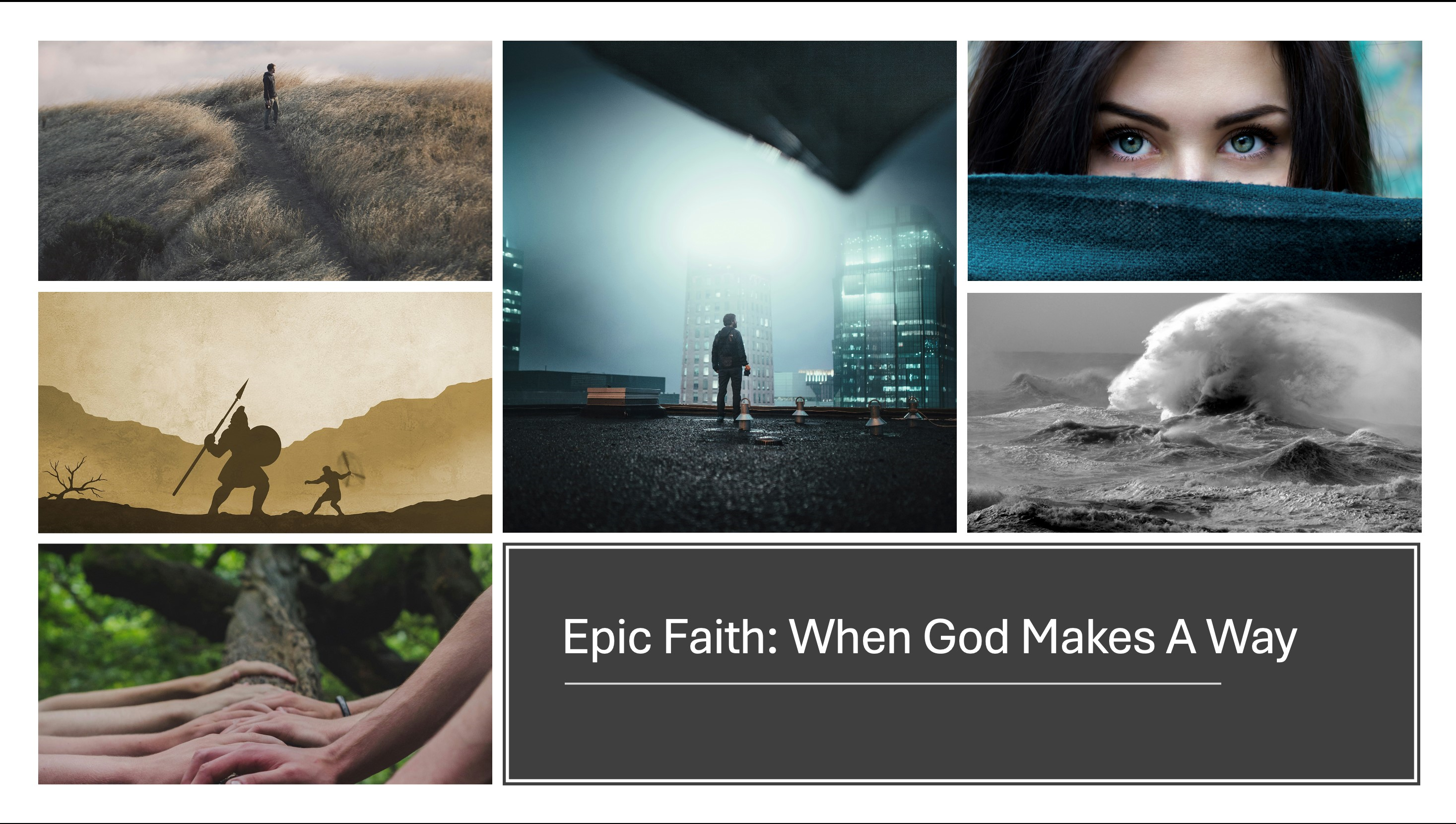
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7th Sunday after Pentecost, July 7th, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

*\*Please stand*

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *To Greet the Morning*

David Paxton

\*Call to Worship

One: God calls to us “do not fear, I am with you!”

All: God makes a way out of no way.

One: When the enemies gather at the gate, when the battle seems hopeless;

All: We will not fear, for God with us, God makes a way for us.

\*Hymn of Praise 513 *Soldiers of Christ, Arise*   DIADEMATA

1. Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armor on,

strong in the strength which God supplies thru his eternal Son; strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in his mighty power, who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.

2. Stand then in his great might, with all his strength endued, but take to arm you for the fight the panoply of God; that having all things done, and all your conflicts passed, ye may o'ercome thru Christ alone and stand entire at last.

3. Pray without ceasing, pray, (your Captain gives the word) his summons cheerfully obey and call upon the Lord;

to God your every want in instant prayer display, pray always, pray and never faint, pray, without ceasing pray.

4. From strength to strength go on, wrestle and fight and pray, tread all the powers of darkness down and win the well fought day. Still let the Spirit cry in all his soldiers, "Come!" till Christ the Lord descends from high and takes the conquerors home.

Opening Prayer

Holy One, in your loving hands we find our true identity and purpose. Guide us to trust in Your power and presence, just as David did. May our hearts be filled with faith and courage, knowing that You are always with us, giving everything, we need to face the way before us. Amen.

Scripture Lesson   Psalm 9:9-20

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed.

A stronghold in time of trouble

And those who know your name put their trust in you,

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

Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion!

Tell among the peoples God’s deeds!

The Lord who avenges blood is mindful of them,

and does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Be Gracious to me, O Lord!

See what I suffer from those who hate me;

You are the One who lifts me up from the gates of death,

that I may recount all your praises,

and, in the gates of daughter Zion,

rejoice in your deliverance.

The nations have sunk in the pit which they made;

their own foot has been caught in the net which they hid.

The Lord is made known! The Lord has executed judgment!

The wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.

The wicked shall depart to Sheol,

All the nations that forget God.

For the needy shall not always be forgotten,

and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

Arise, O Lord! Let not mortals prevail;

let the nations be judged before you!

Put them in fear, O Lord;

let the nations know that they are mortal!

Music of Preparation  522 *Leave It There*  LEAVE IT THERE

1. If the world from you withhold of its silver and its gold, and you have to get along with meager fare, just remember in his Word how he feeds the little bird,

take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

**Refrain**

Leave it there, leave it there,

take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. If you trust and never doubt, he will surely bring you out;

take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

2. If your body suffers pain, and your health you can't regain, and your soul is almost sinking in despair, Jesus knows the pain you feel, he can save and he can heal, take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

**Refrain**

3. When your enemies assail, and your heart begins to fail, don't forget that God in heaven answers prayer;

he will make a way for you, and will lead you safely through, take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

**Refrain**

Scripture Lesson 1 Samuel 17:2-11, 17-18, 20-22, 31-49

Sermon Epic Faith: When God makes a way Part 1 You already have everything you need

Musical Response

\*The Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Only Jesus/Calvary's Love*

Nelson & McHugh

Paula Jameson, solo

\*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

\*Communion

The Lord be with you

And Also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You shaped us from the dust of the earth and breathed life into us, forming humanity in your image.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from our slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered together and on these gifts of food and drink. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his love.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever. Amen!

**\*Communion Hymn** 393 *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD

1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

2. Spirit of the living God, move among us all. Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love. Humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, move among us all.

**(Repeat verse 1)**

Serving Communion

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.

**\*Closing Hymn** 533 W*e Shall Overcome*

MARTIN

1. We shall over come, we shall over come, we shall overcome someday! Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

2. We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand someday! Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we'll walk hand in hand someday!

3. We shall all be free, we shall all be free, we shall all be free someday!

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe

we shall all be free someday!

4. We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace, we shall live in peace someday! Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall live in peace someday!

5. The Lord will see us through,

the Lord will see us through,

the Lord will see us through someday!

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe

the Lord will see us through someday!

\*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 *An Exhortation to Praise*

Lani Smith

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Stephen Minister: Gretchen Lofgren

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“Soldiers of Christ, Arise”

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“Spirit of the Living GodleHelp”

Words: Daniel Iverson, 1926 (Acts 11:15)

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

Words: Fanny J Crosby, 1875 (Heb. 10:22)

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