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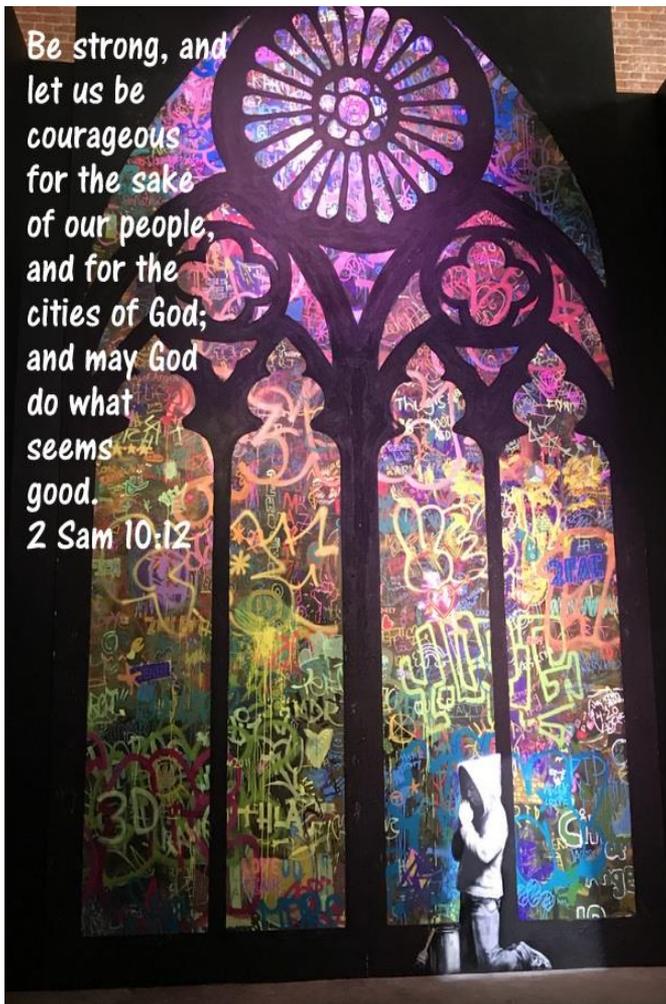
Life Passages

Pentecost 8

Welcome and Inclusion

We open our hearts and our church family to all people in our community regardless of economic circumstances, sexual orientation, age, gender, differing abilities, or ethnicity. Many people's lives continue to be devastated by hatred, prejudice, and inequality, therefore we stand with those who are adversely affected by injustice, alienation and oppression.

Be strong, and let us be courageous for the sake of our people, and for the cities of God; and may God do what seems good.
2 Sam 10:12



Friends in Christ

Prelude: *Moderato & Aria*, G. P. Telemann

Tammy-Jo Mortensen, organ

Embracing Our Spirit

Call to Worship:

Come, people of God, for you have great power:

Power to love or not love,

Power to live faithfully or not,

Power to centre on self or God.

Let us worship God so that our use of our power draws us ever deeper into Christ's love.¹

Opening Hymn: *Dance with the Spirit*

More Voices 156

Coming Into God's Presence

Rev. Karen Bridges

Life Passages

Sacrament of Baptism and Reaffirmation:

Brenda Sheppard & Susan Hutson

Reaffirmation of Faith: Melisa Guilbeault

Baptism: Peyton Lorah Esau, child of Lindsey & Tyler Esau

Prayer for the Holy Spirit (in unison)

Eternal God, whose Son the Servant-Lord Jesus Christ has commissioned us to make disciples of people of all nations baptizing them in your name. May your Spirit be upon us and what we do, that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Congregation's Promise (standing)

We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.

Recommitment: A New Creed

Voices United 918

Please note the last line of the creed (omitted in some of our hymn books):

Thanks be to God.

Blessing (sung)

(Voices United 454)

May God who creates you give you light;

May God who sustains you make you wise;

May God who protects you give you joy;

May God who surrounds you give you peace.

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God's Holy Word

Scripture:

Reneé Englot

2 Samuel 5: 1-6; 7:11-17 • God's covenant with David.

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. The king and his men marched to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who said to David, "you will not come in here, even the blind and the lame will turn you back" – thinking, "David cannot come in here." From the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. In accordance with all these words and with all his vision, Nathan spoke to David.

This is the witness of Israel.

Thanks be to God our loving Creator.

Sermon: *David, the political strategist and mastermind.* Rev. Karen Bridges

Hymn: *I Was There to Hear your Borne Cry* **Voices United 644**

Pastoral Prayers Rev. Leigh Sinclair

Lord's Prayer **Voices United 916 (A Translation)**

Grateful Response

Offering: *Après un Rêve*, Gabriel Fauré Georgia Englot, viola

Offertory Hymn: *We Give You But Your Own* **Voices United 542**

**We give you but your own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.**

Prayer of Gratitude

Closing Hymn: *Come, Let Us to the God of Love* **Voices United 653**

Commissioning

You are disciples of the Jesus Way.
Follow carefully, follow faithfully.
Give thanks frequently, accept thanks with humility.
Forgive wholeheartedly, accept forgiveness willingly.
Give support generously, accept support gracefully.
Work for justice unceasingly, practice just ways without limits.
Acknowledge those who inspire you, find your own ways of inspiration.

We are disciples of the Jesus way.

We are ready to follow carefully and faithfully.

Amen.²

Postlude: *Allegro (Concerto in G Major)*, G. P. Telemann Georgia Englot, viola

Music Notes

Thank you to Georgia Englott for playing this morning and adding to our summertime special music! Georgia and her family attend here, and she's just graduated from Gr. 12. She's been playing violin for 13 years, and viola for 1 year. This Telemann piece is an arrangement for viola and piano, based on an orchestral part. The Fauré is an arrangement of a vocal (mezzo-soprano) work, with the viola taking the vocal line.

I was There to Hear Your Boring Cry, is such a great piece of storytelling of the journey of birth to death and life beyond death. It is probably the most popular hymn of the thousand or so written by John Ylvisaker (1937-2017). He ended up training to be a pastor in the Lutheran Church, spent much of his time in support of the civil rights movement, and was very influenced by the music of Pete Seeger.

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