

Pastor Melissa MacKinnon

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"Under Dogs"

Prelude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Linda D

Call to Worship

Linda Norberg

Leader: Come, people of God, and lift your eyes to the Lord.
When life's giants stand before us, God is with us.

People: We come trusting not in the strength of our God.

Leader: God helps us see our strengths even when we are faced with giant life challenges.

People: The Lord sees our strengths!

Leader: David came before Goliath with a sling and five stones, but his confidence was not in what he carried in his hand.

People: His confidence was in the living God!

Leader: So let us worship the God who is greater than every giant, stronger than every obstacle, and faithful in every circumstance.

People: We will worship the God who raised up David!

Opening Prayer

Christ our Savior,

We come before You today remembering the story of David and Goliath—a story that reminds us that what looks impossible to us is never impossible for You.

We confess there are giants in our lives.

There are fears that seem too large, problems that seem too strong, and circumstances that make us wonder how we will ever overcome.

But today, You call us to lift our eyes beyond the giants and see You.

Give us the faith to see Your saving and redeeming power.

When we are afraid, remind us that You are with us.

When we feel small, remind us that there is greatness in each of us.

When we don't know what to do, teach us to trust You and take the next faithful step.

Amen.



***Opening Hymn “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”, Hymnal #526**

Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Verse 3

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there

Verse 4

Blessed Savior Thou hast promised
Thou wilt all our burdens bear
May we ever Lord be bringing
All to Thee in earnest prayer
Soon in glory bright unclouded
There will be no need for prayer
Rapture praise and endless worship
Will be our sweet portion there

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Ministry Message

MomCo - Annette

Children's Message

Pastor Melissa

Scripture - 1 Samuel 17: 38-48

38 Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. 39 David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off.

40 Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

41 Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David.

42 He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. 43 He said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 “Come here,” he said, “and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!”

45 David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down ... 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands.” 48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.



Anthem “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”,

Bell Choir

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Sermon “Under Dogs”

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Pastoral Prayer

Moving into a Spirit of Prayer

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches

First UMC of North Hollywood - Pastor Krista Givens

First UMC of Canoga Park - Pastor Elaine Shin-Paull

Community Prayers

NEW REQUESTS

Prayers for Jan (Nathan’s mom) who is undergoing cancer treatment. Surround her with peace, comfort and healing during this difficult time.

CONTINUE TO PRAY

Prayers for Nori (Linda N. friend) whose cancer has returned and will be starting chemo again. Surround her with healing, comfort and a successful treatment..

Prayers for Tom (Meribeth’s friend) whose cancer has returned. Prayers for discernment as he consults with Drs. on a treatment plan. Be with him and his family during this time.

Prayers for Shirley(Rob’s mom) who is recovering from a fall and is in hospice care. Be with her and all of the family during this time.

Prayers for Marv who is recovering from surgery after a car accident. Prayers that he regains his mobility and has a full recovery.

Prayers for Wendall as he faces a major decision in his ongoing cancer treatment.(Kathy M).

Prayers for Jack’s granddaughter who is in need of a kidney. Prayers that a match is found quickly.

CANCER TREATMENT

Linda (Robin G.), Barbara (Tanya I), Danny C, Kathleen (Tanya). Jennifer(Dr. Bob R.), Georgia(Forbes), Debbie, Ruby(Emmie S), Toni, Sylvia(Pam P), Frank (Taty V),

IN HOSPICE CARE

Prayers for Carla VonZell. Surround her and her family with peace and comfort during this transition time.

The Lord’s Prayer

Moving Beyond a Spirit of Prayer

Invitation to Give our Blessings back to God

Offertory “Living In Harmony”, Sung By: Wendy Kaszycki

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Doxology “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal #95

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Closing Hymn “I’ve Got Peace Like A River”, TFWS # 2145

Verse 1

I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul

Verse 2

I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul

I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul

Verse 3

I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul
I've got joy like a fountain
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***Benediction**

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Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

Bible Studies
will resume in September

Altar Flowers: Christina McEachern - In Honor of her Birthday
Fellowship Today: Edwin & Marcia Miyasaka
Birthdays: 8-20 Christina McEachern, 8-23 Mike Jarrels, 8-23 Pat Graning,

Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Thank you

for leading us in worship
Pastor Melissa for the Sermon Message
Kevin Su Fukagawa, Wendy Kaszycki, St. Matthew's Bell Choir and
The St. Matthew's Choir for our music

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