

Second Sunday of Easter ..... April 19, 2020

## INVITATION AND GATHERING

**WELCOME (Pastor)**

**CENTERING WORDS (Pastor)**

We are all gifted. We are all called. When we use our gifts and answer God's call, we are mighty warriors of faith and courage-strong as King David, and faithful as Christ.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD (Natalia Lopez)**

Now is the right time! Time to listen and learn. Time to dig deep and find courage and strength. Time to receive grace and let that grace grow into faith and love. Now is the right time! Time to listen and learn.

**\*SCRIPTURE READING ..... Mark 4:35-41 (Natalia Lopez)**

**\* OPENING HYMN: ..... To God be the Glory**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ukQajOmgDGk>

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Kate Flint and Family)**

Kate: Let all who are weary from their labors gather now for worship!

**Family: The problems of our days seem too great and the tasks seem impossible.**

Kate: Such have always been the enemies of the Lord.  
Remember David and Goliath?

**Family: But David was skilled and a true marksman with his sling.**

Kate: Before the presence of the Lord, no enemy shall stand against faith.

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

**\* Let us pray (Kate Flint and Family):**

**Mighty God, we come to sing your praises and to strengthen our faith. Help us find our courage and strength when we need it most. Help us reclaim our faithfulness when we are filled with doubt. Help us discover our hope when we are plagued by worry and**

**despair. May our songs and praises rise to heaven. May they also rise in our hearts and strengthen us each and every day. Amen.**

**\* LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: ..... My Jesus, My Savior**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGmZcTCXjmM>

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, when we have been faced with the giant problems it seems no one could overcome, our faith was weak and we had forgotten how you used young David, his faith, and only his sling to defeat the mammoth Goliath. Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of faith and help us to grow so that we might daily face the problems of life with faith and boldness. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\* LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: ..... As the Deer**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZv3jzOTE70>

**INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD (Natalia Lopez)**

Let your ears be attentive. Let your minds be focused upon the Spirit.  
Listen for the word of God.

**\*SCRIPTURE READING ..... 1 Samuel 17: 4-11, 32-50 (Natalia Lopez)**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE MESSAGE

Today, Pastor Rivera is going to be talking to us about what the Word of God says that we need to do when we are "Facing the Giants of our life," or we are about to face one. Let's listen to message of God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: **"FACING THE GOLIATHS OF YOUR LIFE"**

**\* RESPONSE TO THE WORD: .....Standing on the promises**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56e3XFRtmY8>

**CONGREGATION IN PRAYER**  
**Joys and Concerns**

\* **CLOSING HYMN:** ..... **They Will Know We are Christians**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7E7IARwUYw>

\***DISMISSAL BLESSING**

**Today's Scripture Readings**

**Mark 4:35-41 (NIV)**

Jesus Calms the Storm

<sup>35</sup>That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." <sup>36</sup>Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. <sup>37</sup>A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup>Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

<sup>39</sup>He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

<sup>40</sup>He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

<sup>41</sup>They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

**1 Samuel 17:4-11 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>4</sup>A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>5</sup>He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels<sup>[b]</sup>; <sup>6</sup>on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. <sup>7</sup>His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels.<sup>[c]</sup> His shield bearer went ahead of him.

<sup>8</sup>Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. <sup>9</sup>If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." <sup>10</sup>Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." <sup>11</sup>On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

**1 Samuel 17:32-50 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>32</sup>David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

<sup>33</sup>Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

<sup>34</sup>But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, <sup>35</sup>I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. <sup>36</sup>Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. <sup>37</sup>The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

<sup>38</sup>Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. <sup>39</sup>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. <sup>40</sup>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.

<sup>41</sup>Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. <sup>42</sup>He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. <sup>43</sup>He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup>"Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!"

<sup>45</sup>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. <sup>46</sup>This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. <sup>47</sup>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."

<sup>48</sup>As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. <sup>49</sup>Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

<sup>50</sup>So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.