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# WELCOME



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*Auditoire de Calvin*

*5th Sunday after Pentecost, June 23 2024*

**Prelude** *Partita* on "What should I, a sinner, do?" Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

**Introit** "When the storms of life are raging, stand by me" (*CH4* 570)

**Welcome**

## **Call to worship**

Lord Jesus Christ,

be thou beside me to defend me;

**be thou within me to keep me;**

be thou before me to lead me;

**be thou behind me to guard me;**

be thou above me to bless me;

**that with thee, and in thee, I may live and**

**have my being for ever and ever. Amen.**

**CH4 165** *Praise to the Lord for the joys of the earth*

**Prayer and Lord's prayer**

## **Children's talk**

**CH4 194** *This is the day that the Lord has made*

**Old Testament** *1 Samuel* 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim.

Saul and the Israelites gathered and encamped in the valley of Elah, and formed ranks against the Philistines. The Philistines stood on the mountain on one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armoured with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and

his shield-bearer went before him. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, 'Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.' And the Philistine said, 'Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together.' When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid...

Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. David rose early in the morning, left someone in charge of the sheep, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him...

David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.' David said, 'The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the Lord be with you!'

Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.' So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he despised him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.' But David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand.'

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

### **Offering**

**Music** "A mighty fortress is our God,"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

**CH4 807** (as the offering is brought forward)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

## Prayer of dedication

**CH4 97** *O God, you search me*

## SERMON

**CH4 191** *Do not be afraid*

## Prayers for others

**CH4 517** *Fight the good fight*

Blessing and threefold **Amen**

**Postlude** *Fugue in F,*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)



## Afterthought

“But of course, we are immersed in a culture that encourages us to think and act as if we are (or should be) totally self-sufficient, in which case there is no need to ask God (nor anyone else) for help, and no need to thank anyone other than ourselves. Into a context like this, Psalm 107 injects a challenging word – that is, in the final analysis, self-sufficiency is a terrible illusion. Our lives depend on God, a God who hears our cries and responds out of an abundance of *hesed* (steadfast love).”

*J Clinton McCann Jr*

*Join us afterwards for refreshments in the  
Salle Théodore de Bèze upstairs!*

*Welcoming elder:* Alex Craeye

*Ushers:* Ellen Walker, Robert Walker

*Reader:* Páraic Réamonn

*Organ and piano:* Rebecca Macdonald

*Choir:* Páraic Réamonn

## Notices

**June 16, 20h** The concert for Ekwendeni raised almost CHF 1,300. Thank you!

**June 24, 19h30** Kirk session

**June 26, 13h30** Creations (craft group) *chez* Christine Donaldson

## Flower rota

Rosemary Hill has kindly agreed to coordinate our flower rota! If you would like to donate flowers on a particular date (or dates!), please email her ([hillrosemary@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hillrosemary@yahoo.co.uk)) or fill in your name on the sheet in the Salle.



## Partage

No collections in July or August. Over the summer, place any items *with a September or later expiry date* in the boxes in the Salle.

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