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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

June 26th 2016 Pentecost 6

Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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GATHERING

Prelude:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship:

*Hymn: Out of my Bondage

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Gathering Prayer: *Gracious God, you have made all of the peoples of the earth for your glory. You invite us to serve you in freedom and in peace. Give to the people of our nation a zeal for justice and strength for mercy, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. We ask this in the hope that all people will find freedom in your love and service. We ask this in the name of the one who welcomes all to be free indeed. Inspire us to live and worship in your freedom and for the sake of your Kingdom. Amen.*

PROCLAIMING

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

One: The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 *I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me. In the day of my*

trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted. I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD; I will remember your wonders of old. I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds. Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God? You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples. With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled. The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side. The crash of your thunder was in the

whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook. *Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters; yet your footprints were unseen. You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.*

*Hymn: For the healing of the Nations **736**

Community Conversation: **Follow the North Star**

From the letters: **Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

Gospel: **Luke 9: 51-62**

One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

*Hymn: When Israel was in Egypt's Land **708**

Sermon: **FOR FREEDOM!**

RESPONDING

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings **Anthem:**

*Doxology: *"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"* **830**

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

"Lord, listen to your children praying" (unannounced) **449**

Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

SENDING

*Hymn: Arise your light is come **712**

*Benediction:

*Choral amen

Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Refreshment hosts are needed for July 17 and 24. The sign-up sheet is posted in the kitchen.

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of St. David has determined to add to its number those called and elected by God and our community of faith. The election will be held in the fall and you are prayerfully asked to consider those whom God may be calling to this office. Phyllis Morrison is convener of the nominating committee. If you'd consider joining the committee, please contact Phyllis or Don.

THIS WEEK - (June 26-July 03)

Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service
Friday		David's Place.
Sunday	10:30 am	Service at St. John's United Church meeting at the conservatory.

Here is our summer schedule with all services starting at 10:30. Communion will be celebrated July 3 and August 7

July 3, 10 St. John's July 17, 24 St. David's
July 31, Aug. 7 St. Andrew's Aug. 14, 21, 28 First Baptist

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water;

the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of

the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Luke 9:51-62 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

"Freedom is the right to be wrong, not the right to do wrong."

John Diefenbaker



PASTORAL CARE

We are pleased that you are here and look forward to discovering ways that we can grow in faith and service together. We pray that you will be blessed in worship today and that you will come again soon. Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact one of the following:

Kenn Stright office: 423-1944
Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893

MISSION MOMENTS An international presence of peace *Presbyterians Sharing* recently supported Diane Tait-Katerberg and the Rev. Gordon Timbers for three months as they participated in the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI), a program of the World Council of Churches. EAPPI is supporting both Israelis and Palestinians who are affected by the occupation, violence and human rights abuses. An international presence of peace advocates helps diffuse tense situations and encourages both Israelis and Palestinians working together for peace and human dignity. To date, six Presbyterians have served with the EAPPI in different placements. Please pray for those who work for peace in Palestine and Israel.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for congregations for whom ministry slows as they enter the summer months. May this be a time for people to experience rest and renewal.

STEWARDSHIP A chequebook is a theological document; it will tell you who and what you worship. *Billy Graham*
We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is a breastfeeding friendly facility.

The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.

We welcome all who are worshipping here today! If you are here for the first time, please sign the Guest Book at the main entrance. Our Greeter this morning is Phyllis Morrison. Our reader today is Colin Roop. Refreshment Hosts are Margo and Don Knox.