



Five Smooth Stones...

September 25, 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
16th Sunday after Pentecost  
Celebrating 191 Years!

# Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE	“Fantasia in g minor” (Bach)	Henry Repp
GREETING		Rev. Todd Lattig
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Kathleen Meredith
	In a world that understands the power of dominance, the power of the last word, the power of being the “alpha” in the room, may God show us power of a different sort: <b>The power of trust. The power of hope.</b> The power of faith in the Lord. <b>In this gathering, may such power be made known.</b>	
*OPENING HYMN	“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”	UMH 127
*OPENING PRAYER	<b>Lord, David’s story prompts me to wonder: What power have I witnessed this week? What armor am I prone to wear? How can I be the ‘shepherd kid’ when I am tempted to become Goliath? As I wrestle with these questions, show me, please, the smooth stones that lie within my reach. Amen.</b>	
CHOIR ANTHEM	“Open Hearts, Open Doors” (Schram)	Chancel Choir Melinda McCoy-Miller, flute
191st ANNIVERSARY/MEMORIALS RECOGNITION		Rev. Lattig
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Rev. Lattig
CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER		Chancel Choir
KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON		Rev. Lattig
SCRIPTURE READING		Kathleen Meredith

## 1 Samuel 17:32-40

<sup>32</sup> “Don’t worry about this Philistine,” David told Saul. “I’ll go fight him!”

<sup>33</sup> “Don’t be ridiculous!” Saul replied. “There’s no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You’re only a boy, and he’s been a man of war since his youth.”

<sup>34</sup> But David persisted. “I have been taking care of my father’s sheep and goats,” he said. “When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. <sup>36</sup> I have done this to both lions and bears, and I’ll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! <sup>37</sup> The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!”

Saul finally consented. “All right, go ahead,” he said. “And may the LORD be with you!”

<sup>38</sup> Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. <sup>39</sup> David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before. “I can’t go in these,” he protested to Saul. “I’m not used to them.” So David took them off again. <sup>40</sup> He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd’s bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd’s staff and sling, he started across the valley to fight the Philistine.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God for this Word.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Melinda McCoy-Miller, flute

SERMON

All Are Called: “Equipped”

Rev. Lattig

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

“Long Hast Thou Stood, O Church of God” (Lindeman, arr. Davis)

You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kathleen Meredith

**We thank you, O God, for the gifts and talents you have given us, and the blessings we have received. May the offering we present today be used to equip us and provide the tools to fulfill our call and lead others to Christ. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

“Spirit Song”

UMH 338

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE

“Toccatà from Suite Gothique” (Boellmann)

Henry Repp

## **In need of prayer and centering?**

**Join us for Prayers and Praises each Wednesday evening through the rest of September and October from 6-7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. An opportunity to connect with God through prayer and music.**

## **October Newsletter Contributions**

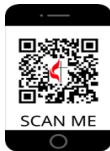
**Please contact Kathleen in the church office if you wish to place an advertisement or write an article for the October Newsletter. All contributions must be received by Tuesday, September 27th in order to be considered for publication. Thank you!**

### **Today's Worship Leaders**

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