



**ATASCOCITA PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
JUNE 20, 2021**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

- PRELUDE** Carl Braden
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Lisa Stacy
- INTROIT** *"Let the Whole Creation Cry"* Chancel Choir Men
- ✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev Dr. Richard Kleiman
ONE: The winds and the waves are no match for our God.
ALL: Christ speaks peace to the chaos and calm to the storm.
ONE: In the midst of the storms of our lives,
ALL: let us calm our minds and worship God with gladness.
- ✦ **HYMN NO. 611** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* Congregation
- ✦ **CALL TO CONFESSION** Rev Dr. Richard Kleiman
It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.
- ✦ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
**O Christ whose voice brought peace to the waves,
we pray for a glimpse of your peace in our lives.
When all around us has given way to chaos,
ground us in your presence.
When the struggle for justice seems endless and we grow tired,
refresh us by your mercy.
Help us to see that you are in the boat with us,
even when we are certain that it is sinking.
Forgive us when we doubt the power of your grace, O Lord,
and make us agents of your reign.**
Silently pray your personal prayers of Confession
- ✦ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Rev Dr. Richard Kleiman
ONE: Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of
peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
ALL: Thanks be to God.
- ✦ **PEACE OF CHRIST** Rev Dr. Richard Kleiman
ONE: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.
ALL: And also with you!
- CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Rev Dr. Richard Kleiman

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 17:4–11, 19–23, 32–49

Rev Dr. Richard Kleiman

Before the readings:

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord. (Deuteronomy 6:4)

⁴ And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ⁵ He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. ⁶ He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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." ¹⁰ And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." ¹¹ When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

¹⁹ Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. ²⁰ David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, 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. ²¹ Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. ²² David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. ²³ 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.

³² David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." ³³ 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." ³⁴ 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, ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ 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." ³⁷ 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!"

³⁸ Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹ David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, 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. ⁴⁰ 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.

⁴¹ The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴² When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³ The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ 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."

⁴⁵ 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. ⁴⁶ 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, ⁴⁷ 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."

⁴⁸ When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ 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.

ANTHEM

"God of Our Fathers"

Chancel Choir Men

GOSPEL READING

Mark 4:35-41 (NRSV)

Rev Dr. Richard Kleiman

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

After the readings:

ONE: Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"A Greening Imagination"

Rev Dr. Richard Kleiman

✦ HYMN NO. 840

"When Peace Like a River"

Congregation

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33)

OFFERTORY

Carl Braden

✦ DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Congregation

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev Dr. Richard Kleiman

In the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we call on the name of the Lord, saying:
By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**

We pray for the church . . .
In the love of Christ, open our hearts
to find joy in sorrow, richness in poverty,
and new life, even in the dust of death.
By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**

Narthex News

Prayers, Concerns, and Condolences:

We lift prayers to the Lord for friends and family:

- Youth leaving today for the Youth Celebration at Mo-Ranch after worship.
- The Mills family.
- Deondra, Ann Owen's granddaughter, and her young clients at CPS.
- Mazie Williams
- George Clark
- Bart Baker
- Richard Munoz.
- Sandy Lee's cousin
- The Landry family and their missing son, Jason.
- Mary, Judi Anderson's sister-in-law, diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Jerrie Anderson, Judi Anderson's stepmom, diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Ray Peregory's daughter-in-law in cancer treatment.
- Jon and Ali, Elaine McCool's nephew and his wife, along with their foster children.
- Frank Zamora, Ron Powell's friend, as he recovers from surgery for his cancer treatment.
- Betsy Gould in rehab to treat a broken hip and fractured back as a result of a fall.
- Lorrie Pritchett healing from appendectomy.
- Rod Noonan, father of Judi Anderson's friend, Suzanne Murphy, hospitalized with complications of melanoma.
- Jacob McCool, Elaine McCool's son, health issues.
- Ann Wallace recovering from an injured shoulder in a fall.
- Grant Sherwood, Paul and Carol Curtis' grandson, admitted to hospital with pneumonia.
- Peace and comfort to family and friends of Charles "Sonny" Rector, friend of Vicki and David Lasinsky, he has passed away.
- Peace and comfort to family and friends of Vera Welker Kennard, Doug Kennard's mother, she has passed away at age 101.
- Peace and comfort to family and friends of Micah Breda, infant nephew of Joe and Melissa Breda, he has passed away.
- Addie Kephart, Sine McCarty, and Bev O'Brien.

Faith Formation – classes meet at 9:20 am

- Doug Kennard's class will read and discuss chapter 2 in W H Bellinger, *Psalms: A Guide to Studying the Psalter*. Meeting in the fellowship hall.
- Pastor Shelley's class is on summer break until September 12.
- Children, grades K-5, meet with Lisa Stacy in the orange classroom. For more information, please contact Lisa (lisastacy3@yahoo.com).
- Youth, grades 6-12, meet with Aaron Seay in the fellowship hall at 11:45 am (after worship) until 2 pm. Lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact Aaron (aaron@apchumble.org).

We welcome Rev Dr. Richard Kleiman as he leads Sunday's worship. You may join the service live streamed on BoxCast or in person at 10:20 am. ****Use the chat feature to let us know you are here.****

We also welcome Rev Dr. Richard Kleiman as Interim Pastor of APC! Session met Tuesday, June 15, to approve the Interim Pastor Search Committee's recommendation of Rev Dr. Richard Kleiman as Interim Pastor for Atascocita Presbyterian Church. **Please help Richard and his wife, Elsa, get to know us by wearing your name tag.**

The APC cookbook, "Almost Heaven," is here! If you signed up for pre-sales or would like to purchase one, please see Ann Owen in the narthex. Payment may be made with cash, check, or credit card. Credit card payments are also welcome on the APC website (apchumble.org). Click on the "Give Now" button at the top of the page, and enter the total number of books where indicated.

Call the Shot Shuttle when you receive notification that you have an appointment for a specific time and place to get vaccinated for Covid-19. We have APC volunteers who will get you there. Please call the church office (281-852-8990) to request a driver.

Summer Camps for kids has one more week! The music and art themes were a great success! This week is science. Please call the church office (281-852-8990) for more information.

The Mission Project for Summer Camps is supporting “BEAR – BE A Resource for CPS Kids.” Campers are asked to donate a stuffed animal or small duffel or backpack for children in the CPS program.

The Multicultural Youth Conference at Mo-Ranch is Thursday, July 1 through Sunday, July 4 for 6th through 12th grades. If you want to go but have not registered, please contact Aaron (aaron@apchumble.org).

For more information on “everything APC,” please check the APC website (apchumble.org) as it is continuously updated.

Communicator info deadline: Wednesday, June 23.

Pastoral Care for June. In case of emergency, please call Elder Terri Thomson, ph: 713-205-0115.

Calendar

Monday 6/21

9:30 am Yoga – fellowship hall
10:30 am Spiritual Fellowship Committee – hybrid
7:00 pm Finance Committee - Zoom

Tuesday 6/22

9:30 am – 2:30 pm Summer Camp – Science
10:00 am Worship Committee – Zoom
10:00 am Mission Crafters – craft room

Wednesday 6/23

9:30 am – 2:30 pm Summer Camp – Science

Thursday 6/24

9:30 am – 2:30 pm Summer Camp – Science
7:00 pm Session Meeting - Zoom