

1 SAMUEL 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23),32-49

Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; 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 armed 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 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. 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 disdained 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 toward 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.

2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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**MARK 4:35-41**

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 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?" 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. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" 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?"

SUNDAY JUNE 23, 2024



Morning Worship: Roster

	23 rd June 2024	30 th June 2024
Leader	Dr John Williams	Dr John Wiliams
Music	Elizabeth Prosser	Rosemary Akesson
Entry of Bible	Iris Ballard	Ailsa Liffman
Acknowledgement of Country	Robyn Herdegen	Iris Ballard
Stewards	Anne Olinsky & Ana Topic	Colin & Margaret Manley
Reader	Shirley Bazley	Shirley Bazley
Pastoral Prayer	Iris Ballard	Ailsa Liffman
Morning Tea	Joan & Royce Lovett	Anne Olinsky & Ana Topic
Projection	Tony Olinsky	Jeff Haynes
Flowers	Robyn Herdegen	Ailsa Liffman
Lectionary	1 Samuel 17: 4-11, 19-23, 32-49 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 Mark 4: 35-41	2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15 Mark 5: 21-43

Regular Activities

- Morning Worship:** 1st, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday/month: - 10am
- Holy Communion:** 3rd Sunday/month - 10am and 2:30pm at Wyndham
- Imlay House Service:** 2:00pm, 3rd Thursday of the month - helpers would be appreciated - see Rev Jean.
- Tura Beach Op Shop:** Open Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm.
- Uniting Church Tai Chi 108:** Thursday 10-11am in the hall. Contact Shirley
- Uniting Church Dance Group:** Tuesday evenings at 7 pm and Friday mornings at 9 am Contact Pam Jordan 0475 191 923 for details.
- 'Blokes United' Coffee Morning** - 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday each month - 10am at MorMors
- Church Bring-and-Share Brunch** - 1st Sunday/month (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec.)



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We are planning a **church community lunch** at Oaklands, Pambula, after our church service next Sunday 30th June. This will just be a social occasion as we come to the end of our 3 months of Rev Jean's leave. If you would like to join us, please add your name to the list on the noticeboard.

DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT
When Jesus says, 'Peace! Be still!' he is speaking to the waves. And, perhaps, he is speaking to his disciples. They need peace in a dangerous situation. They need stillness in a chaotic environment. When we are bereft of peace and stillness, we are often afraid, as the disciples were. We often lash out, as the disciples did, saying things designed to wound, things that, were we less afraid, we might not say: 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?'
The sea hears the words that we need to hear, 'Peace! Be still!' and the sea becomes what we so often need to become: calm. This is the work that faith or trust does in us.

You cannot do kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Do not be afraid to go out on a limb. That's where the fruit is.
Anon