

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 21, 2024

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
Ordinary Time, Year B
9th Sunday after Pentecost

[2 Samuel 7:1-14a](#)
[Psalm 89:20-37](#)
[Ephesians 2:11-22](#)
[Mark 6:30-34, 53-56](#)

Prelude

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 85:9-13

Surely the LORD's salvation is at hand..., that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The LORD will give what is good...Righteousness will go before the LORD, and will make a path for the LORD's steps

***Hymn** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal* #281)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Call to Confession

James 3:25-26

"Likewise, was not Rahab...also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

Merciful God, we humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved mercy, or walked humbly with you, our God. We say we keep your commandments, yet we neglect the weightier matters of your law. We have divided faith and works.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness and exceptional mercy. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

(Silent Confession)

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Assurance, *Gloria Patri, and Passing of the Peace

Hebrews 11:30-31, 12:1-2

"By faith Rahab...did not perish...because she had received the spies in peace...Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith..."

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Time with the Children

Scripture

[Joshua 5:13-6:25](#)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Jericho, Rahab, and the Exception That Is the Rule

***Hymn** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal* #289)

O God of Every Nation

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed
(ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Romans 12:1

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship."

Please prayerfully consider the time, talent, and resources you have been given, and how they can be offered back to God in love and service. If this includes making a financial offering to the church, you may use our [online giving option](#)

Offertory

Battle Belongs

Congregation join in chorus:

*So when I fight I'll fight on my knees with my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You and every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night; O God the battle belongs to You*

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

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

In the Life of the Church

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal* #540 vv.1-3)

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

***Benediction and Charge**

***We Go Into the World Singing**

God Be With You Till We Meet Again (v. 4)

*God be with you till we meet again; Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.*

Postlude

**Please stand in body or in spirit*