



ARVADA
United Methodist Church

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Sunday, August 9, 2026; 8:15 and 10:00 am

Gathering Music

Prelude

8:15 am - *How Firm A Foundation*
(Anonymous, arr. Joseph Martin)

Jordan Ortman

10:00 - *God of Mercy, God of Grace*
(Harry Francis Lyte, Jerry F. Davidson)

Jordan, Summer Singers

Greeting

Rev. Matt Franks

***Opening Hymn** #117 - *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*, vss. 1, 2, 4, 6
(Isaac Watts, William Croft, arr. W. H. Monk)

1) O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

2) Under the shadow of thy throne still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

4) A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

6) O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home!

Congregational Greeting

Offertory / Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music *Strength for Tomorrow, Grace for Today*

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8:15 am

Tim Kennedy and Jordan Ortman

10:00 am

Jordan Ortman, Summer Singers

Scripture

1 Samuel 17:32-50 CEB

“Don’t let anyone lose courage because of this Philistine!” David told Saul.

“I, your servant, will go out and fight him!”

“You can’t go out and fight this Philistine,” Saul answered David. “You are still a boy. But he’s been a warrior since he was a boy!”

“Your servant has kept his father’s sheep,” David replied to Saul, “and if ever a lion or a bear came and carried off one of the flock, I would go after it, strike it, and rescue the animal from its mouth. If it turned on me, I would grab it at its jaw, strike it, and kill it. Your servant has fought both lions and bears. This uncircumcised Philistine will be just like one of them because he has insulted the army of the living God.

“The LORD,” David added, “who rescued me from the power of both lions and bears, will rescue me from the power of this Philistine.”

“Go!” Saul replied to David. “And may the LORD be with you!”

Then Saul dressed David in his own gear, putting a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. David strapped his sword on over the armor, but he couldn’t walk around well because he’d never tried it before. “I can’t walk in this,” David told Saul, “because I’ve never tried it before.” So he took them off. He then grabbed his staff and chose five smooth stones from the streambed. He put them in the pocket of his shepherd’s bag and with sling in hand went out to the Philistine.

The Philistine got closer and closer to David, and his shield-bearer was in front of him. When the Philistine looked David over, he sneered at David because he was just a boy; reddish brown and good-looking.

The Philistine asked David, “Am I some sort of dog that you come at me with sticks?” And he cursed David by his gods. “Come here,” he said to David, “and I’ll feed your flesh to the wild birds and the wild animals!”

But David told the Philistine, “You are coming against me with sword, spear, and scimitar, but I come against you in the name of the LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel’s army, the one you’ve insulted. Today the LORD will hand you over to me. I will strike you down and cut off your head! Today I will feed your dead body and the dead bodies of the entire Philistine camp

to the wild birds and the wild animals. Then the whole world will know that there is a God on Israel's side. And all those gathered here will know that the LORD doesn't save by means of sword and spear. The LORD owns this war, and he will hand all of you over to us."

The Philistine got up and moved closer to attack David, and David ran quickly to the front line to face him. David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone. He slung it, and it hit the Philistine on his forehead. The stone penetrated his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground. And that's how David triumphed over the Philistine with just a sling and a stone, striking the Philistine down and killing him—and David didn't even have a sword!

Pastor: The Scripture of faith for the people of faith.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"The Giant and the Sling "

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

My Soul Rejoices in the Lord

(Carolyn Winfrey Gilette, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams)

(We will sing this to the tune Forest Green - #152 - "I Sing the Mighty Power of God")

My soul rejoices in the Lord; my God gives strength to me.

I feel my heart within me soar at God's great victory.

O God, you are the Holy One! You are the Rock I trust.

I sing with joy what you have done — for you've delivered us.

O God, you turn the world around and make things fresh and new.

The proud and mighty are cast down; the poor find life in you.

See! Those who ate till they were stuffed are searching now for bread, while those who never had enough feast at your table spread.

The burdens that we long have known by grace are cast away.

You lift the poor to sit on thrones and bring a just, new day.

The ones who grieve what might have been are finding ways to be the blessing-bearers, loving kin, in your community.

***Benediction**

Sending Forth Music

8:15 am - *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
(Dan Forrest)

10 am - *O God Our Help In Ages Past*
(David Cherwien)

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