SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 4:1-13, 14-24 Common English Bible

4 After Ehud had died, the Israelites again did things that the Lord saw as evil.² So the Lord gave them over to King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera, and he was stationed in Harosheth-ha-goiim.³ The Israelites cried out to the Lord because Sisera had nine hundred iron chariots and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

⁴ Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was a leader of Israel at that time. ⁵ She would sit under Deborah's palm tree between Ramah and Bethel in the Ephraim highlands, and the Israelites would come to her to settle disputes. ⁶ She sent word to Barak, Abinoam's son, from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "Hasn't the Lord, Israel's God, issued you a command? 'Go and assemble at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand men from the people of Naphtali and Zebulun with you. 7 I'll lure Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, to assemble with his chariots and troops against you at the Kishon River, and then I'll help you overpower him." ⁸ Barak replied to her, "If you'll go with me, I'll go; but if not, I won't go." ⁹ Deborah answered, "I'll definitely go with you. However, the path you're taking won't bring honor to you, because the Lord will hand over Sisera to a woman." Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 He summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh, and ten thousand men marched out behind him. Deborah marched out with him too. ¹¹ Now Heber the Kenite had moved away from the other Kenites, the

¹² When it was reported to Sisera that Barak, Abinoam's son, had marched up to Mount Tabor, ¹³ Sisera summoned all of his nine hundred iron chariots and all of the soldiers who were with him from Harosheth-ha-goilm to the Kishon River. ¹⁴ Then Deborah said to Barak, "Get up! This is the day that the Lord has handed Sisera over to you. Hasn't the Lord gone out before you?" So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men behind him. ¹⁵ The Lord threw Sisera and all the chariots and army into a panic before Barak; Sisera himself got down from his chariot and fled on foot. ¹⁶ Barak pursued the chariots and the army all the way back to Harosheth-ha-goilm, killing Sisera's entire army with the sword. No one survived.

descendants of Hobab, Moses' father-in-law, and had settled as far away

as Elon-bezaanannim, which is near Kedesh.

¹⁷ Meanwhile, Sisera had fled on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, because there was peace between Hazor's King Jabin and the family of Heber the Kenite. ¹⁸ Jael went out to meet Sisera and said to him, "Come in, sir, come in here. Don't be afraid." So he went with her into the tent, and she hid him under a blanket.

¹⁹ Sisera said to her, "Please give me a little water to drink. I'm thirsty." So she opened a jug of milk, gave him a drink, and hid him again. ²⁰ Then he said to her, "Stand at the entrance to the tent. That way, if someone comes and asks you, 'Is there a man here?' you can say, 'No.'"

²¹ But Jael, Heber's wife, picked up a tent stake and a hammer. While Sisera was sound asleep from exhaustion, she tiptoed to him. She drove the stake through his head and down into the ground, and he died. ²² Just then, Barak arrived after chasing Sisera. Jael went out to meet him and said, "Come and I'll show you the man you're after." So he went in with her, and there was Sisera, lying dead, with the stake through his head.
²³ So on that day God brought down Canaan's King Jabin before the Israelites. ²⁴ And the power of the Israelites grew greater and greater over Canaan's King Jabin until they defeated him completely.

Join in fellowship time in the Fireside Room,

every Sunday after the 9am and 11am services.

9 a.m. Worship Service

You are known ~ you are loved ~ you are not alone!

▲ OPENER

"Cornerstone"

COMMUNITY BUILDING

▲ PRAISE SONG

"Mighty to Save"

CONFESSION SONG

"My Living Hope"

TIME FOR CHILDREN

After Time For Children, Children are invited to attend Sunday School activities. Parents are invited to accompany their children if they desire. Children are also welcome to continue in worship.

WORD

Judges 4:1-13 & 14-23

Common English Bible

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Messy People, Merciful God: Expect the Unexpected (Deborah)

Rev. Paul Knopf

PRAYER SONG

"Broken Things"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

LIFE IN THE CHURCH (Announcements)

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

"Every Act of Love"

BENEDICTION

▲ CLOSER

"Nobody"

End of Worship...Beginning of Service

Greeting You This Morning:



March 8, 2020 2nd Sunday in Lent Sermon Series:

Messy People, Merciful God

Welcome to

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11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Welcome as we worship the Lord with gladness, for it is God who deserves our praise and thanksgiving.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT "Deep Within"

by David Haas

Refrain: Choir & Congregation; Stanzas: Choir

Refrain: Deep within I will plant my law, not on stone, but in your heart. Follow me, I will bring you back, You will be my own, and I will be your God.

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

When we hear of ancient heroes: Of Deborah, Barak, and Jael we are both encouraged and intimidated.

Like those heroes, we want to change the world,

but hopefully it doesn't cost too much.

We are called by God to be faithful:

so we choose to worship God this morning, instead of soccer, brunch, or sleeping in.

As God's faithful people, let us worship God together!

▲ OPENING HYMN #611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION SONG

"Kyrie Eleison Have Mercy"

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

...and now praying together...

Anticipating God, when we heard your call in days past, we were excited, but deferred until we were grown. Now that we're grown, we rely on others to respond, because we're tired and feel inadequate. Remind us, merciful God, that you don't expect perfection, only faith. Forgive our lack of action and give us courage and strength to do your will. We ask in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENSS

▲ PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you!*

▲ RESPONSE SONG #743

"O God, You Are My God"

PROCLAIMING

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SCRIPTURE READING, part 1

Judges 4:1-13

Common English Bible

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

SCRIPTURE READING, part 2

Judges 4:14-24

Common English Bible

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Messy People, Merciful God: Expect the Unexpected (Deborah)

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RESPONDING

HYMN OF RESPONSE #700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "How Great Is Our God" arr. Marianne Kim Cynthia Wright & James Walters, piano duet

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ DOXOLOGY #609

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

▲ CLOSING HYMN #765

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Lead Me, Lord"

▲ POSTLUDE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Craig Curry

End of Worship...Beginning of Service



SERMON NOTES

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