



Elijah: The Bold Prophet

April 11, 2021

Characters

1 Kings 19:1-8

Rev. Helen Harrison Ham

Prelude

"Majesty" arr. Mary McDonald and Larry Shackley
organ or piano

Celebration of Community

Welcome to in person and online worship here at Saxe Gotha. For those here in person, we want to remind you to keep your masks on during the service to keep everyone healthy.

- We also welcome our visitors today. Please fill out our online Visitor Form so that we can connect with you: saxegotha.org/visit-us. There are also visitors cards in the pew racks please fill those out and leave in the baskets at the end of the service
- Next Gen Family Day will be held on Saturday, April 17 from 10am - 2pm. Families will participate in a Scavenger Hunt around Lexington.
- Family Vacation Bible School will be held in the evening, June 28- July 1.
- Kids Summer Camp registration is open: saxegotha.org/summer.

We Gather to Worship

Music of Preparation (Video)

Meditation- by Massenot

Call to Worship based on Psalm 27 & John 4:23

L: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation. The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

P: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in His holy temple. We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

L: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

P: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

Opening Hymn

#368 He Lives

Prayer of Confession

Our Father in heaven, we thank you that you have led us into the light. We thank you for sending the Savior to call us from death to life. We confess that we were dead in sin before we heard his call, but when we heard him, like Lazarus, we arose. But, O Father, the grave clothes bind us still. Old habits that we cannot throw off, old customs that are so much a part of our lives that we are helpless to live the new life that Christ calls us to live. Give us strength, O Father, to break the bonds; give us courage to live a new life in you; give us faith to believe that with your help we cannot fail. All this we ask in the name of the Savior who has taught us to come to you, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance based on Romans 8:34 & 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. Thanks be to God.

Affirmation of Faith from the Essential Tenets of ECO

Jesus teaches us that we are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind. There is no part of human life that is off limits to the sanctifying claims of God. We reject the claim that love of any sort is self-justifying; we affirm that all our affections and desires must be brought under God's authority. We reject the claim that human souls are unaffected by the fall and remain naturally inclined to God; we affirm that soul and body alike must be cleansed and purified in order to love God properly. We reject the claim that the life of the mind is independent from faith; we affirm that unless we believe we cannot properly understand either God or the world around us.

Gloria Patri

After this Hal goes out to change into "Elijah" costume

Children's Message(Video)

Passing of the Peace

Doxology #815

Offertory Prayer

Anthem

"It is enough" from "Elijah" by Mendelssohn

Bumper Video

We Hear God's Word

Message

Elijah, The Bold Prophet (1 Kings 19:1-8)

We Respond to God's Word

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Invitation and Benediction

Closing Hymn

#361 Worship Christ the Risen King (Verses 1,2,5)

Postlude

"Christ Is Alive"

Jason D. Payne

Organ