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## The Ark Among the Philistines



*Dagon had fallen face down on the ground before  
the ark of the Lord (1Samuel 5:3)*

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## God's People at Worship

Welcome – Rev. Ron Albinet

### Opening Prayer and Call to Worship

#### Come Now Is The Time To Worship

*Chorus*

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come (come, come)

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now... *Chorus*

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives  
Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our heart soul mind and strength  
We gladly choose You now... *Chorus*

CCLI Song # 2430948

### Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blessed.

*Chorus*

To our King be highest praise  
Rising through eternal days  
Just and faithful - He shall reign.  
Jesus shall reign

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early praises to His Name... *Chorus*

Let every creature rise and bring  
Blessing and honour to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen! ...*Chorus 2x*

## First Scripture Reading – 1Samuel 5:1-12

Val Lublink

When the Philistines captured the ark of God, they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. <sup>2</sup>Then the Philistines took the ark of God and... brought it into the house of Dagon and set it up beside Dagon. <sup>3</sup>And when the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the LORD. So they took Dagon and put him back in his place. <sup>4</sup>But when they rose early on the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the LORD, and the head of Dagon and both his hands were lying cut off on the threshold. Only the trunk of Dagon was left to him. <sup>5</sup>This is why the priests of Dagon and all who enter the house of Dagon do not tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.

<sup>6</sup>The hand of the LORD was heavy against the people of Ashdod, and he terrified and afflicted them with tumors, both Ashdod and its territory. <sup>7</sup>And when the men of Ashdod saw how things were, they said, "The ark of the God of Israel must not remain with us, for his hand is hard against us and against Dagon our god." <sup>8</sup>So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines and said, "What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel?" They answered, "Let the ark of the God of Israel be brought around to Gath." So they brought the ark of the God of Israel there. <sup>9</sup>But after they had brought it around, the hand of the LORD was against the city, causing a very great panic, and he afflicted the men of the city, both young and old, so that tumors broke out on them. <sup>10</sup>So they sent the ark of God to Ekron. But as soon as the ark of God came to Ekron, the people of Ekron cried out, "They have brought around to us the ark of the God of Israel to kill us and our people." <sup>11</sup>They sent therefore and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines and said, "Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it return to its own place, that it may not kill us and our people." For there was a deathly panic throughout the whole city. The hand of God was very heavy there. <sup>12</sup>The men who did not die were struck with tumors, and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

### How Great is our God

CCLI Song # 4348399

The splendour of the King, Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, And trembles at His voice

*Chorus*

How great is our God  
Sing with me, How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

Age to age He stands, And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one, You're the Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb... *Chorus*

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God (repeat stanza) ...*Chorus*

## We Believe (Apostle's Creed)

CCLI Song # 7063563

### Chorus

We believe in one true God  
Father Spirit Son  
One Church one faith one Lord of all  
His Kingdom come

We believe in God the Father  
Almighty Lord of life  
Creator of the Heavens  
The earth the sea the sky  
And we believe in Jesus  
The only Son of God  
Born of the virgin Mary  
Who lived as one of us... *Chorus*

We believe that Jesus suffered  
Was beaten crucified  
He died and He was buried  
Entombed in darkest night  
The third day rose victorious  
Ascended into Heav'n  
Will one day come to judge us  
The living and the dead... *Chorus*

We believe in God the Spirit  
One church empow'ed by Him  
Communion of God's people  
Forgiveness of our sin  
Our bodies resurrected  
To everlasting life  
To worship love and wonder  
Before the throne of Christ... *Chorus 2x*

*The children leave for Sunday School*

## First Scripture Reading – 1Samuel 6:1-18

Jesse N.

The ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seven months. <sup>2</sup> And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners and said, "What shall we do with the ark of the LORD? Tell us with what we shall send it to its place." <sup>3</sup> They said, "If you send away the ark of the God of Israel, do not send it empty, but by all means return him a guilt offering. Then you will be healed, and it will be known to you why his hand does not turn away from you." <sup>4</sup> And they said, "What is the guilt offering that we shall return to him?" They answered, "Five golden tumors and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines, for the same plague was on all of you and on your lords. <sup>5</sup> So you must make images of your tumors and images of your mice that ravage the land, and give glory to the God of Israel. Perhaps he will lighten his hand from off you and your gods and your land. <sup>6</sup> Why should you harden your hearts as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? After he had dealt severely with them, did they not send the people away, and they departed? <sup>7</sup> Now then, take and prepare a new cart and two milk cows on which there has never come a yoke, and yoke the .../

cows to the cart, but take their calves home, away from them. <sup>8</sup> And take the ark of the LORD and place it on the cart and put in a box at its side the figures of gold, which you are returning to him as a guilt offering. Then send it off and let it go its way <sup>9</sup> and watch. If it goes up on the way to its own land, to Beth-shemesh, then it is he who has done us this great harm, but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that struck us; it happened to us by coincidence."

<sup>10</sup> The men did so, and took two milk cows and yoked them to the cart and shut up their calves at home. <sup>11</sup> And they put the ark of the LORD on the cart and the box with the golden mice and the images of their tumors. <sup>12</sup> And the cows went straight in the direction of Beth-shemesh along one highway, lowing as they went. They turned neither to the right nor to the left, and the lords of the Philistines went after them as far as the border of Beth-shemesh. <sup>13</sup> Now the people of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley. And when they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark, they rejoiced to see it. <sup>14</sup> The cart came into the field of Joshua of Beth-shemesh and stopped there. A great stone was there. And they split up the wood of the cart and offered the cows as a burnt offering to the LORD. <sup>15</sup> And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD and the box that was beside it, in which were the golden figures, and set them upon the great stone. And the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices on that day to the LORD. <sup>16</sup> And when the five lords of the Philistines saw it, they returned that day to Ekron.

<sup>17</sup> These are the golden tumors that the Philistines returned as a guilt offering to the LORD: one for Ashdod, one for Gaza, one for Ashkelon, one for Gath, one for Ekron, <sup>18</sup> and the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both fortified cities and unwalled villages. The great stone beside which they set down the ark of the LORD is a witness to this day in the field of Joshua of Beth-shemesh.

## Sermon – *The Ark Among the Philistines*

The giving of our Tithes and Offerings  
**Congregational Prayer**

## Closing Song – Your Name

As morning dawns and evening fades  
You inspire songs of praise  
That rise from earth to touch Your heart  
And glorify Your Name

### Chorus

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower  
Your Name is a shelter like no other  
Your Name let the nations sing it louder  
'Cause nothing has the power to save  
But Your Name

Jesus in Your Name we pray  
Come and fill our hearts today  
Lord give us strength to live for You  
And glorify Your Name... *Chorus 2x*

CCLI Song # 4611679

**Benediction** – *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord show you his favor and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)*



All are invited to join us for refreshments, tea and coffee, and fellowship in the church hall immediately following the service.

## *Bible Reading, Prayer and Supper*

*Please join us on Wednesday at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall*

The **Leadership Team** will be meeting **this Wednesday** at 3:30 pm at the church.

There will be a **Church Congregational Meeting (AGM)** this coming Sunday, **January 27<sup>th</sup>**, following the morning service. As part of this meeting there will be a vote on whether our congregation will divest itself of the church building. All members are asked to attend.

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