

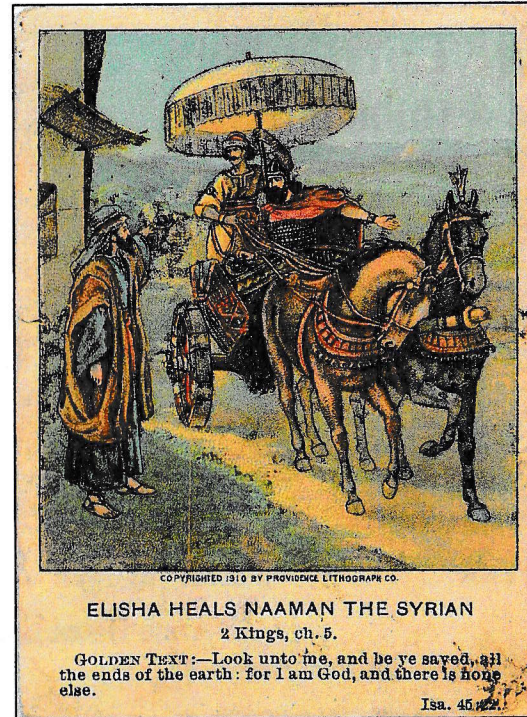


Boundless God, Boundaries Busted

Hurrying Down to Disaster #7
2nd Kings 5:1-14

Fascinating facts in this healing story...

1. Naaman is an Aramean (Syrian). 5:1
2. Naaman is a mighty military enemy (Jewish legends say he was the one who killed King Ahab – see 1 Kgs 22:34) 5:1
3. The "young girl from Israel" who points Naaman's wife to Elisha was stolen & taken captive in a Syrian raid. 5:2-3
4. A diplomatic letter was sent from oft-times enemy Syria requesting healing from Israel's king (probably Jehoram). 5:4-5a
5. Along with the letter Naaman brings a huge bribe/gift. 5:5b
6. The Syrians apparently think the healer (Elisha) works for the king of Israel and at his command (or were truly trying to provoke war?!). 5:6
7. Israel's king believes the letter to be a trick to lure him into another battle (Asking for what only God can do!) He tears his robes in anger. 5:7
8. Elisha steps in to help all involved, and he points to the real issue: "He will know that there is a prophet in Israel." 5:8
9. Naaman is more concerned with perceived lack of respect and departs in a rage when Elijah sends a messenger with simple instructions rather than doing something impressive in person. 5:9-12
10. Naaman's servants convince him to "go down" (double meaning) to the river, and he is healed, the king's crisis is averted, Naaman is converted & God is honored! 5:13-14



There is only one living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a completely pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or emotions, unchangeable, immensely vast, eternal, limitless, almighty, completely wise, completely holy, completely free, and completely absolute. He works

everything according to the purpose of his own unchangeable and completely righteous will for his own glory. He is completely loving, gracious, merciful, and long-suffering. He overflows with goodness and truth. He forgives wickedness, transgression, and sin, and rewards those who diligently seek Him. His judgments are completely just and awesome; He hates all sin and will not acquit the guilty.

– Westminster Confession of Faith, 2.1

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
of
Reno, Nevada**

July 14, 2024

The boundaries we see and experience offer no hindrance to God & the free exercise of His good will & glorious grace.

Service for The Lord's Day

July 14, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.

- 1 Samuel 17:46

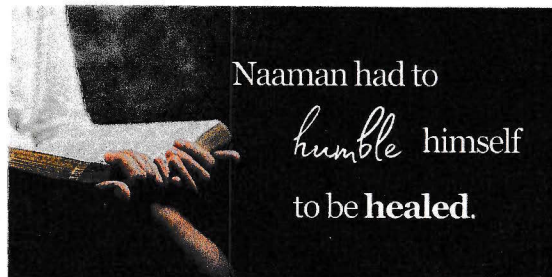
We Gather because We Know "There Is a God in Reno"

Prelude Nancy Tedford, piano
Greetings & Church Family News Pastor Jay Hull
Minute for Mission Anna Bates
Conversational English Program

We Praise God Who Has Given Us the Victory in Jesus

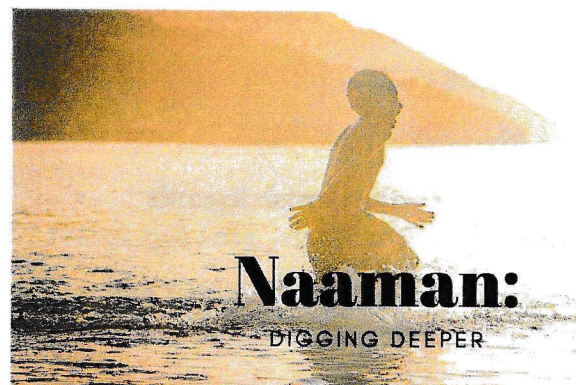
***Hymn of Praise** #26
"Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"
Children's Prayer Time Katie Guerrero
Gospel Reading: Luke 4:24-30 (p.860) Elder Steve Patton
**Prayer of Confession, Word of Assurance
& Gloria Patri (#734)**

Time of Offering
Hymn of Preparation "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" #30
***Doxology (#731)**
& Prayer of Thanksgiving



God's Word Tells Us: "There Was a Prophet in Israel"

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-14 (p.311) Steve Patton



Message: Boundless God, Boundaries Busted Pastor Jay Hull
(*Hurrying Down to Disaster #7*)

We Go Forth Ready & Enabled to Follow God's Instructions

Prayers of the People & The 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

***Closing Hymn of Praise** #81
"O Love of God, How Strong and True"

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude** Nancy Tedford, organ

*indicates to stand if you are able