

Scripture Reading - 1 Kings 16:20-38 (NIV)

20 So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. 21 Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing. 22 Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only one of the Lord's prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. 23 Get two bulls for us. Let Baal's prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. 24 Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The god who answers by fire—he is God." Then all the people said, "What you say is good." 25 Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire." 26 So they took the bull given them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. "Baal, answer us!" they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made. 27 At noon Elijah began to taunt them. "Shout louder!" he said. "Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened." 28 So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. 29 Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention. 30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the Lord, which had been torn down. 31 Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying, "Your name shall be Israel." 32 With the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs[a] of seed. 33 He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, "Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood." 34 "Do it again," he said, and they did it again. Do it a third time," he ordered, and they did it the third time. 35 The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench. 36 At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. 37 Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again." 38 Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God.

-John Wesley

Breakthrough Prayer

Almighty God, You are the God who speaks from fire and shows Yourself strong in the heat of our battles. We come before You, asking for a breakthrough—believing that just as You moved in fire, so You may move in our lives. Let our faith be set ablaze by Your calling, unconsumed by fear, doubt, or the flames of this world. Remind us that holy ground is not always safe ground, but it is always sacred when You are with us. Lord, we declare that the heat of our trials will not destroy us — but refine us. Whether You are calling us, freeing us, or revealing Yourself through us, we say yes. Let our faith withstand the heat. Let our breakthrough be forged in Your flame. In the mighty name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.



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Welcome to
HILLSBORO UMC
July 6th, 2025
COMMUNION SUNDAY



If you are visiting us for the first time – WELCOME! We are so grateful to have you join us for worship. Please fill out a connect card that is in the pew and drop in the offering plate when it comes to you. Please check the bulletin insert for upcoming events and announcements. Worship will begin promptly at 9:00am. We ask that everyone find their seats before this time, turn their ringers off, and be in an attitude of praise and prayer as we turn our attention to worshipping God. Thank you!

Opening Song/Bringing in the Light “From This Valley”

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Greeting and Announcements

Breakthrough (Unison) Prayer (see the back of the bulletin)

Passing of the Peace

Worship Song

The United Methodist Hymnal #577 “God of Grace and God of Glory”
vs.1,2,4

Call to Worship

L: Come, let us worship the God who reveals Himself in power, answers in grace, and calls us back to Him.

P: We worship the Lord of Heaven and Earth—our Redeemer, our Deliverer, the one true God!

L: Like Elijah, we bring our hearts to the altar. We call on the name of the Lord, who answers with fire.

P: Let the fire of His Spirit fall fresh on us today!

L: Bring your doubts, your burdens, your questions—God is not afraid of the test.

P: We come with open hearts, ready for the fire of truth and the rain of mercy.

Worship Song

The United Methodist Hymnal #452 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” vs. 1-3

Joys and Concerns

Scripture Reading - 1 Kings 18:20-38

Sermon: “Blazing Showdown” Pastor Kayla Roe

Worship Series: **HOT HOT HOT: Faith That Can Stand the Heat**

Offering

Doxology

UMH#94 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Please stand if you are able – words will be on the screen and in the United Methodist Hymnal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Invitation to The Lord’s Table (Communion)

For the Confessions and Pardon, and The Great Thanksgiving, you may follow along on pg. 12-13 in the United Methodist Hymnal. The words will also be on the screen. We believe that God’s grace is available to all. Therefore, we observe an open communion table. All are welcome to receive communion regardless of denominational differences. If you feel that you cannot receive communion for any reason, you may cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Benediction

Closing Song “Start a Fire”

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**Please join us for fellowship and refreshments
in the narthex following the service.**