

COMMITMENT SUNDAY  
THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

*"And Elisha prayed, O Lord, open his eyes so he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. II Kings 6:17*

Prelude "Allegro Pomposo"

The Light Enters

Greetings and Concerns of the Congregation

*Please join in THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP by signing and passing to your neighbor the attendance registration pad.*

\*Hymn of Praise

"The King Of Love My Shepherd Is" No.138 vs. 1-3

Responsive Reading

Psalms 91 (with response) No.810-811

The Children's Story

The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offering

Offertory "Barton's Organ Meditation III"

\*Doxology No.94

Hymn

"The King Of Love My Shepherd Is" No.138 vs. 4-6

Anthem

"Let This Mind Be In You" Chancel Choir

Scripture II Kings 6:8-23

"CHARIOTS OF FIRE" Dr. Fowler

\*Hymn of Dedication

"Open My Eyes, That I May See" No.454

\*Benediction

\*The Light Departs

\*Go Forth To Serve

\* Please Stand As Able

II Kings 6:8-23

8 Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place."

9 The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." 10 So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

11 This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Will you not tell me which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?"

12 "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom."

13 "Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan." 14 Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

15 When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked.

16 "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

17 And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

18 As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, "Strike these people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked.

19 Elisha told them, "This is not the road and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you are looking for." And he led them to Samaria.

20 After they entered the city, Elisha said, "LORD, open the eyes of these men so they can see." Then the LORD opened their eyes and they looked, and there they were, inside Samaria.

21 When the king of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha, "Shall I kill them, my father? Shall I kill them?"

22 "Do not kill them," he answered. "Would you kill men you have captured with your own sword or bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink and then go back to their master." 23 So he prepared a great feast for them, and after they had finished eating and drinking, he sent them away, and they returned to their master. So the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel's territory.