

July 7<sup>th</sup>

(Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

## **“I Will Be Speaking the Truth”**

Main Text: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

(2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Mark 6:1-13)

Now comes the choice for us. What will we be speaking? Will have been exploring how the Spirit leads us into all truth. We have affirmed that the truth is not our possession but that we are the vessels through which God pours that treasure within. Now, we have a choice before us. What will we be speaking? In our first reading, David becomes the King of Israel. The beauty of the scripture is how our story can be so messy, and yet God's redeeming love is ever present. This story from Mark's Gospel shows us how easy it is to view from a human perspective. They could not see the truth in Jesus, because they were evaluating based on the social, cultural and economic criteria. They could not believe in Jesus because he did not hit their criteria. Who do we fail to hear speaking the truth because they do not fit our criteria? Paul, in our reading from 2 Corinthians, recognizes that speaking the truth is not about proclaiming himself or his own experience. Speaking the truth is recognizing the power of God shown through his own weakness. What does it mean to speak the truth through our own weakness? How do you plan to speak the truth?