

October 17, 2021 Worship Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Songs: *Cry of my Heart, I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*

Call to Worship:

L: God created all things.

C: We celebrate all that God created when we gather.

L: We celebrate the radical love of a God

C: That needs no sacrifice,

L: That needs no blood to be spilled,

C: That puts humanity first.

L: Whether we enter this worship space with clear hearts or the burden of sin,

C: We are welcome in this place.

L: God continues to keep God's promises,

C: And we come to God's house ready to put our trust in God.

L: As Samuel living in the house of the Lord,

C: We come together to live, work, and serve for you.

L: We gather to lift our praise and thanksgiving through our worship, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

A: Amen!

Songs: *Beautiful One, Great is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning to End)*

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Children's Message

Message: *God Calling*

Songs: *10,000 Reason (Bless the Lord)*

Affirmation of Faith (9:00)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

We are blessed to be your servants, Lord. We are ready to respond to your call to provide for others. Accept these gifts to further your work in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Confession

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Creator of all things,

C: We have failed to care for all that you have made. We have squandered resources and oppressed others. Forgive us for what we have done and have failed to do. Teach us how to be steward of your

creation with care and nurture. Please forgive these sins and also the sins we lift now in silence...

L: Our God will always love all that God has made. Although we sin, God forgives us and so as a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority alone, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins. You are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! Receive now this forgiveness as a gift from a loving God. In the name of Jesus we pray.

A: Amen!

Communion

When God calls us, we listen. When God invites us, we come. Come now to this feast prepared for God's servants to nourish and sustain them in their work. Come, the table is set for you.

Song: *Grace Flows Down*

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ministry Opportunities

Blessing

Go now. Listen for the voice of the Lord
and follow wherever it leads.

Do not be dominated by anything.

Allow no room within yourselves for deceit,
but offer yourselves as a temple for the Holy Spirit.

And may God be with you and speak through you;

May Christ Jesus be one with you and raise you to life;

And may the Holy Spirit dwell within you and make you holy.

We leave this time of worship as people called and sent by the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit!

A: Amen!

Song: *Forever*

Dismissal

L: This worship service is over. Now let the service to others begin. Let
us go in peace to love and serve our Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Next Sunday: *1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14*

A few questions to consider throughout the week ...

- How many times did the Lord call Samuel?
- How did Samuel ultimately respond?
- How much time do you spend listening?
- Where is God calling you to today?