Gilead Presbyterian Church January 17, 2021 2nd Sunday after Epiphany, Year B

Convinced of God's Grace, we affirm that there can be no exclusiveness in the body of Christ. We welcome all regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age, ability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC "Pass Me Not" tune: William H. Doane

Piano, Penny Cameron; Organ, Mary Temple arr. by Lani Smith

OPENING SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 3:9

Leader: The One who calls us together yearns for all to hear and be blessed.

People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Leader: The Holy One comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

BLUE HYMNAL #525

"Here I Am, Lord"

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord, of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone. Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† THE OFFERING

THE GLORIA Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE READING

I Samuel 3:1-10

¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 3 the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 5 and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. 8 The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if the LORD calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

SERMON

After "Here I Am, Lord"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

SCRIPTURE READING

I Samuel 3:11-20

Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹² On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." ¹⁵ Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷ Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that the LORD told you." ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then Eli said, "The LORD reigns; let the LORD do what must be done." ¹⁹ As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

MEDITATION MUSIC

"What Does the Lord Require of You?" by Mary Temple

by Jim Strathdee

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BLUE HYMNAL #526 "For All the Saints"

For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE "Tell Me the Old, Old Story" tune: William H. Doane

Piano, Penny Cameron; Organ, Mary Temple

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