

# Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021 @ 8:30am

**THEME:** Samuel didn't recognize the Lord's voice when the Lord called him. God had a difficult assignment for Samuel—the condemnation of his mentor, Eli.

## PRELUDE

### \*OPENING PRAISE

*Above All*

Above all powers, above all kings. Above all nature and all created things  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began  
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones. Above all wonders the world has ever known  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth, there's no way to measure what You're worth

Crucified, laid behind a stone. You lived to die, rejected and alone  
Like a rose, trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me  
Above all

*Forever*

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King His love endures forever  
For He is good, He is above all things His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise Sing praise, sing praise

**REFRAIN:** Forever, God is faithful. Forever, God is strong  
Forever, God is with us. Forever

From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God, we will carry on His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise Sing praise, sing praise, REFRAIN

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God created all things.

**We celebrate all that God created when we gather.**

Just like Samuel, living in the house of the Lord,

**We come together to live, to work, and to serve you.**

### \*GATHERING SONG

*Amazing Love*

My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly, that I, the guilty one, may go free?

**REFRAIN:** Amazing love, oh, what sacrifice, the Son of God giv'n for me;  
my debt he pays and my death he dies, that I might live, that I might live.

And so they watched him die, despised, rejected;  
but, oh, the blood he shed flowed for me. REFRAIN

And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;  
come, wash your guilt away, live again. **REFRAIN**

**\*GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray: Lord whom we serve, **Samuel did not recognize your voice when you called, but he eventually obeyed. Teach us to know your voice and to respond, "Here I am!" Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

1 Samuel 3: 1-21

Pew Bible Old Testament pg. 274

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia!*



**\*GOSPEL**

John 20:21-23

Pew Bible New Testament pg. 119

The Holy Gospel according to John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Pam Challis

**SERMON**

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**\*SERMON HYMN**

*Here I Am, Lord*

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"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and 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?"

**REFRAIN: 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.**

"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?" **REFRAIN**

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" **REFRAIN**

## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

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

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need...

Guiding God, **hear our prayer**

We thank you for bringing us so close that we can speak to you, and for loving us so much that you hear us when we pray. Gather up these petitions for the sake of Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **\*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 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, forever and ever. Amen.

### **\*BENEDICTION**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **\*SENDING SONG**

*We are Called*

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**Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!**

**We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

**REFRAIN: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

**Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!**

**We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and  
blindness will be no more. REFRAIN**

**Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!**

**God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers  
united in love. REFRAIN**

### **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**(off camera)**