

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
11:00 A.M.

Rev. Kerry Shull, Guest Pastor
Music Director – Gregory Fraser
*** Congregation will stand**

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Grieg Lyric Piece
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - **During Covid, masks are required. There will be no singing other than by the minister and organist. At this time there is no need to stand during designated hymns. Hymn lyrics are provided as inserts so you may participate spiritually. We do not touch hymnals, friendship pads, Bibles, or offering plates. Place offering in plate upon entrance or when exiting.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The One who is our Creator and Redeemer comes to us and calls us, commanding, "Follow me."

All: Lord, you are the one about whom Moses and the prophets wrote.

Leader: Jesus calls us to life in himself. We leave all other sources of meaning and purpose to follow the world's only light.

All: Lord, you are the Son of God! You are the world's King!

Leader: Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

All: O God, you call to us today, just as you called to the boy Samuel so long ago. Gathered here today, we are many different ages, but we pray for the maturity of faith to hear your call and respond to your Word. Open our ears and our hearts as we worship, as we work, and as we care for one another. We ask that you would give us courage and integrity to answer your call with the heart-felt words, "Here I am!" Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: Here in This Place" *(See Insert)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Assured that the One who calls us to hear and obey already knows the confessions of our hearts.

Let us receive and live in his forgiveness as we confess our sin before God and before one another.

Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: 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.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by grace you have been saved. In Jesus' name you are forgiven. Your sins are no more. You have been made clean. God strengthens you with freedom through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus. **All: Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE: *(turn to extend signs of peace to neighbors from a distance)*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with all of you. **All: And also with you.**

*SONG OF PRAISE: "O God Beyond All Praising" *(See Insert)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: By your Holy Spirit, O God, open our ears, our eyes, our hearts, and our minds to the Holy Word so that it comes to rule within us for Jesus' sake. **All: Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS *(See Insert)*

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) ;1 Corinthians 6:2-20; John 1:43-51

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

Leader: The Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "The One Who Calls"

Rev. Kerry Shull

*HYMN: "Will You Come and Follow Me" *(See Insert)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Let us confess our faith using the affirmation in the bulletin which is Colossians 1:15-20.

All: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / OFFERTORY MUSIC

*SONG OF DEDICATION: "Doxology"

*CLOSING HYMN: "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" *(See Insert)*

*BLESSING

Leader: The peace of Christ, crucified and risen for all, go with you this day and always.

*CHARGE

Leader: All things are lawful, but not all things are beneficial. Listen to the word of the Lord as you move through your days. Trust that the Holy Spirit will guide your choices. See in each person you meet one for whom Jesus gave his life. **All: Amen.**

*RESPONSE

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: Mozart's Sonata in A – 3rd Movement

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See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken, gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young - our lives are a mystery, we are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty, gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining; now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever, gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

SONG OF PRAISE: O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
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for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

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Will You Use The Faith You've Found To Reshape The World Around,
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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.

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? **(Refrain)**

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1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)

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At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 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. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 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. 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." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. 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. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

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EPISTLE READING

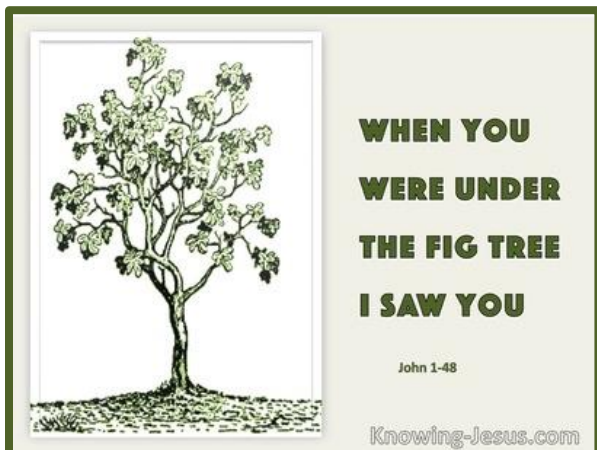
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GOSPEL READING

John 1:43-51

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