



October 18, 2020. 20th Sunday after Pentecost. Narrative Lectionary week 6 of year 3.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 20:1-2, 4-8

One: I pray that the Lord answers you whenever you are in trouble. Let God send help to you from the sanctuary and support you from Zion.

All: Let God grant what is in your heart and fulfill all your plans. Then we will rejoice that you've been helped. We will fly our flags in the name of our God. Let the Lord fulfill all your requests!

One: Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed one; God answers his anointed one from his heavenly sanctuary, answering with mighty acts of salvation achieved by his strong hand.

All: Some people trust in chariots, others in horses; but we praise the Lord's name. They will collapse and fall, but we will stand up straight and strong.

Prayer of Confession

God of Abraham and Sarah, you are a God of promises and blessing. Yet we forget your promises and mistake your blessing with our own doing. God of Kings and Prophets, you are a God of covenant and steadfast love. Yet we forget to care for the hungry, poor, alien, orphan, and widow. Forgive our failure to remember your instructions. Write them within us and engrave them on our hearts. Be our God, and we will be your people.

Pause for Silent Reflection and Confession

Words of Assurance

Share the Peace of Christ with others

Hymn #715 (v 1-3)

“Rejoice the Lord is King”

Lord's Prayer and Prayers of the People

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #94

“Praise God”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1 Samuel 1:6-20 (CEB)

And because the LORD had kept Hannah from conceiving, her rival would make fun of her mercilessly, just to bother her. So that is what took place year after year. Whenever Hannah went to the Lord's house, Peninnah would make fun of her. Then she would cry and wouldn't eat anything.

“Hannah, why are you crying?” her husband Elkanah would say to her. “Why won't you eat? Why are you so sad? Aren't I worth more to you than ten sons?”

One time, after eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah got up and presented herself before the LORD. (Now Eli the priest was sitting in the chair by the doorpost of the LORD's temple.) Hannah was very upset and couldn't stop crying as she prayed to the LORD. Then she made this promise: “LORD of heavenly forces, just look at your servant's pain and remember me! Don't forget your servant! Give her a boy! Then I'll give him to the LORD for his entire life. No razor will ever touch his head.”

As she kept praying before the LORD, Eli watched her mouth. Now Hannah was praying in her heart; her lips were moving, but her voice was silent, so Eli thought she was drunk.

“How long will you act like a drunk? Sober up!” Eli told her.

“No sir!” Hannah replied. “I'm just a very sad woman. I haven't had any wine or beer but have been pouring out my heart to the LORD. Don't think your servant is some good-for-nothing woman. This whole time I've been praying out of my great worry and trouble!”

Eli responded, “Then go in peace. And may the God of Israel give you what you've asked from him.”

“Please think well of me, your servant,” Hannah said. Then the woman went on her way, ate some food, and wasn't sad any longer.

They got up early the next morning and worshipped the LORD. Then they went back home to Ramah. Elkanah had sex with his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. So in the course of time, Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, which means “I asked the LORD for him.”

Musical Offering “Softly and Tenderly” -Thompson/Raney
Nancy Schwegler, piano

Sermon

“Hannah cries to God” Rev. Robb McCoy

Hymn #142

“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Blessing

Hymn #374

“Standing on the Promises”

Postlude



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WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

Coming Next:

Oct. 25	God's promise to David	2 Samuel 7:1-17
Nov. 1	Elijah and the Widow	1 Kings 17:1-16
Nov 8	Escaping From God	Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10
Nov. 15	Call of Isaiah	Isaiah 6:1-8

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: 1 Samuel 2:2

“There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	1 Samuel 3:1-18	Samuel's Call
Tuesday	1 Samuel 8:1-22	Israel Demands a King
Wednesday	1 Samuel 9:27; 10:1-9	Samuel Anoints Saul
Thursday	1 Samuel 13:2-14	Saul's Unlawful Sacrifice
Friday	1 Samuel 16:1-13	David Anointed as King
Saturday	1 Samuel 24:4-12, 16-20	David Spares Saul's Life

CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS

- **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Hannah prayed to God for a child. She was sad not to have any children. God heard her prayers and gave her a son, Samuel. Hannah was so happy that she sang praises to God. What can you pray to God about today? How can you sing praises to God?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Israel has a new king, David. God makes a promise to David that someone from his lineage will always be king. What is a promise you made today? What is a promise someone made to you?