



1 Samuel 3:1-21

3 Now the boy Samuel was serving the Lord under Eli. The Lord's word was rare at that time, and visions weren't widely known. 2 One day Eli, whose eyes had grown so weak he was unable to see, was lying down in his room. 3 God's lamp hadn't gone out yet, and Samuel was lying down in the Lord's temple, where God's chest was.

4 The Lord called to Samuel. "I'm here," he said. 5 Samuel hurried to Eli and said, "I'm here. You called me?" "I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go lie down." So he did. 6 Again the Lord called Samuel, so Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?" "I didn't call, my son," Eli replied. "Go and lie down." (7 Now Samuel didn't yet know the Lord, and the Lord's word hadn't yet been revealed to him.) 8 A third time the Lord called Samuel. He got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?"

Then Eli realized that it was the Lord who was calling the boy. 9 So Eli said to Samuel, "Go and lie down. If he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down where he'd been.

10 Then the Lord came and stood there, calling just as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel said, "Speak. Your servant is listening." 11 The Lord said to Samuel, "I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of all who hear it tingle! 12 On that day, I will bring to pass against Eli everything I said about his household—every last bit of it! 13 I told him that I would punish his family forever because of the wrongdoing he knew about—how his sons were cursing God, but he wouldn't stop them. 14 Because of that I swore about Eli's household that his family's wrongdoing will never be reconciled by sacrifice or by offering."

15 Samuel lay there until morning, then opened the doors of the Lord's house. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. 16 But Eli called Samuel, saying: "Samuel, my son!"

"I'm here," Samuel said. 17 "What did he say to you?" Eli asked. "Don't hide anything from me. May God deal harshly with you and worse still if you hide from me a single word from everything he said to you." 18 So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him.

"He is the Lord," Eli said. "He will do as he pleases." 19 So Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not allowing any of his words to fail. 20 All Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was trustworthy as the Lord's prophet. 21 The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh because the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh through the Lord's own word.

October 17, 2021 Announcements

We are blessed by your presence, and pray that worship is meaningful for you. You are invited to note your attendance and mailing address on the blue attendance tear-off sheet found in each bulletin. This sheet may be left at your seat for the ushers to gather after service. We encourage family participation in worship. We can provide activity bags for children upon request. Please see an usher for more information. Ushers can also provide you with large print bulletins if needed. We extend a special welcome to you and trust you will experience God's presence today.

- Sunday School Classes: Adult Sunday School Class @ 10:30am— Asbury Parlor and Zoom; Swahili Bible Study Class @10:30am—Swahili Class Room; Children & Youth Sunday School @ 10:30am—Epworth Hall

Discipleship Schedule Monday Noon Bible Study meets in-person in Epworth Hall and on Zoom. Wednesday Noon Prayer & Devotion Time continues to meet on Facebook Live and Zoom. Zoom Meeting ID # for both is 961 006 728. All Zoom meetings can also be joined by phone simply by dial 312-626-6799. Once connected, dial the Meeting ID # 961 006 728, and you will join in the conversation.

U.M.M. Methodist Men of Two Rivers will be having an organizational meeting on Tuesday, October 19 at 6:30 pm in Epworth Hall. The propose of this meeting is to reconnect and discuss the future needs and projects on-going. There will be no program or dinner for the evening and masks will be required with social distancing.

College Care Packages We are preparing care packages for our college students. We want our young people to know that we are thinking of them, and there are a couple of ways you can help. In the back of the sanctuary there will be a series of bags. Each will be labeled with a different college student's name. You can drop notes, cards, and letters in each of the bags to personalize the gifts. Please don't put gift cards in these individual bags. Instead, make any financial donations to the church offering and mark them "College Care." We will then do the shopping to make sure the care packages are evenly distributed with items that are helpful to the college students.

- Kaeleen - Carthage College, Emma - Knox College, Colton - Knox College, Gabe - WIU Quad Cities, Mackenzie - WIU Macomb, Autumn - NIU, Florence - NIU, Patience - Drake, Keith - SIU Carbondale

Little Free Pantry The Two Rivers Church Little Free Pantry is in need of more non-perishable donations. A list of suggested and prohibited donations can be found in the back of the sanctuary or in the west entrance. Thank you so much for any help you can give to keep this important ministry going.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

- First time guest, Returning guest, Looking for a church home, Member, Interested in membership or Baptism

New Contact Information:

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Opportunities to serve

- Saturday Meal Site opportunities to serve: Hosts, Clean-up crew, Provide grocery bags and/or socks for Meal Site & Operation Safety Net

- Worship team opportunities to serve: Greeter, Usher, Video, Editor, Sound, Slides

Network: Two Rivers Sanctuary Password: TwoRivers2013 www.TwoRiversUMC.org



## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "Here I Am, Lord" - John Michael Talbot

### Greeting

\*Call to Worship (adapted from 1 Peter 2:4-5)

One: We gather as a people who are called by God. The call of God is not the privilege of the ordained. It is the ministry of the baptized.

All: "We are being built like living stones in to a spiritual temple. We are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

\*Opening Hymn #400 UMH "Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing" vs. 1 & 3

\*Prayer of Confession

All: O God, You have called us to be a holy priesthood, united in service and love to each other and to the world. We are to set aside greed, falsehood, and conceit and make ourselves servants. We are to turn away from vengeance and violence, and submit to love. Forgive us for the times we forget or ignore our calling as a people of God. Help us to hear your voice calling in the night. Help us to hear the still-small voice. Help us to see the bush that is burning but not consumed. Empower us to respond to your call.

*(Pause for silent reflection and confession)*

One: Hear the Good News: Once you were no people, but now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy, but now you have received God's mercy.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace

Spirit Hymn #408 UMH "The Gift of Love" vs. 1

Pastoral Prayer and 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. Amen.

Musical Offering "This Little Light of Mine"

Afro-American spiritual-H.D. Loes-arr. M. Hayes  
Nancy Schwegler, piano

Testimonial: Be Called By God Charlotte Peterson

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: Holy God, open our hearts to the story of your love. Open our minds to new ways of knowing you. Open our doors for all whom you would welcome. Amen.

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-21 (CEB)

Sermon Be Called: God Calls Samuel - Robb McCoy

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Response Hymn #593 UHM "Here I am, Lord" vs. 1 & 2

Offering Reflection and Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: We will thank you God, with our whole heart. We will talk about your wonderful acts. We will celebrate and rejoice in you.

All: Holy and Gracious God, we are thankful for the created world and our place in it. We are thankful for the Son, and the forgiveness and grace he offers. We are thankful for the Spirit, which empowers us to change the world. We are thankful for your Church, and the call you place upon the hearts of all believers. We pause to reflect on how we may respond to your great gifts.

*(Pause for Silent Reflection and Gratitude)*

One: We will sing praises to your name, Most High.

\*Closing Hymn #438 UMH "Forth in Thy Name" v. 1

\*Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude "Servant Song" - Donna McCargill

\* You are invited to stand as you are able.  
FWS - The Faith We Sing (black hymnal)  
UMH - United Methodist Hymnal (red hymnal)  
Words of anthem/hymn reprinted under CCLI License

October 17, 2021



## PRAYER MINISTRY

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Who would you like to see this prayer?

- Pastor Only.** Only the pastor will see this prayer. He will most likely see it and be in prayer for it on Monday morning.
- Prayer Chain.** These prayers will be sent to those who have signed up for prayer chain email. They will also be prayed for by name only during our Wednesday online prayer service. Names only will be printed in newsletter if it is an ongoing need.

Please be in prayer for:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please pray for this:

- For this week only.
- Until \_\_\_\_\_
- This is an ongoing need.

I am interested in being a part of the Prayer Chain:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_