

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

One: The voice of God calls to us! Are you listening?

All: Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

One: The hands of God beckon us! Are you paying attention?

All: Show us, Lord, your servants are paying attention.

One: The love of God asks us—are you ready to follow?

All: Guide us, Lord, and we, your servants, will follow.

One: Come, let us worship the God whose tenacious love never stops calling and beckoning and

asking us to follow.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Prelude

Introit Open My Ears, That I May Hear UMH 454

Welcome

† Opening Hymn Lord, Speak to Me UMH 463

- 1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone; as thou hast sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.
- 2. O strengthen me, that while I stand firm on the rock, and strong in thee, I may stretch out a loving hand to wrestlers with the troubled sea.
- 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart; and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
- 4. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

5. O use me, Lord, use even me, just as thou wilt, and when, and where, until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

Blessing for Young Hearts

Prayers of the People

A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying. Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.

Pastoral Prayer

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (CEB)

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. One day Eli, whose eyes had grown so weak he was unable to see, was lying down in his room. God's lamp hadn't gone out yet, and Samuel was lying down in the Lord's temple, where God's chest was.

The Lord called to Samuel. "I'm here," he said.

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.

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."

(Now Samuel didn't yet know the Lord, and the Lord's word hadn't yet been revealed to him.)

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. 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.

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

Samuel said, "Speak. Your servant is listening."

John 1:43-51 (CEB)

The next day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter.

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law and the Prophets: Jesus, Joseph's son, from Nazareth."

Nathanael responded, "Can anything from Nazareth be good?"

Philip said, "Come and see."

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, "Here is a genuine Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree."

Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are God's Son. You are the king of Israel."

Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these! I assure you that you will see heaven open and God's angels going up to heaven and down to earth on the Human One."

Scriptural Response

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

Anthem Speak to Me, Lord John Ness Beck

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WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

† **Doxology** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

Prayer of Confession

One: When we confess our sins, we accept God's invitation to clear out the noise and chaos that keep us from recognizing God's loving voice. As we come to confess and to be reconciled to God and one another, let us take this opportunity to ask God to help us declutter our hearts and minds so that we might listen and receive God's love and guidance more clearly.

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you as our God, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Our priorities do not line up with yours, and too often we wander from your path by trying to do things our way instead of yours. We confess that we are too often complacent in answering your call to enact justice, a justice that rolls down like water. It is too easy to ignore the stories of suffering and need in our midst. We confess that sometimes we avoid you, Holy One. We don't want to hear your voice. We don't want to receive your call. We are scared of what you might ask us to do and how your work in our lives might change us. We keep you at arm's length, ready to run when you seem to ask too much. We confess that there are things that clutter our hearts and minds that we cannot say aloud or do not have words for, and so, we lift them to you now in silence. (Silent prayer)

One: Reconciling God, your steadfast love surrounds us, calling us into right relationship with you, with self, with one another, and with creation. As your reconciled and forgiven people, open our hearts to receive all that you have to say to us today.

All: Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

One: You call us by name to be your people in the world, pouring your love into us in such abundance that it overflows into the world around us. Guide us, form us, and send us as your people to live out your good news wherever we go. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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 tresspasses, 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.

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn Guide My Feet TFWS 2208

- Guide my feet while I run this race.
 Guide my feet while I run this race.
 Guide my feet while I run this race,
 for I don't want to run this race in vain!
- Hold my hand while I run this race.
 Hold my hand while I run this race.
 Hold my hand while I run this race,
 for I don't want to run this race in vain!

- 3. Stand by me while I run this race.
 Stand by me while I run this race.
 Stand by me while I run this race,
 for I don't want to run this race in vain!
- 4. I'm your child while I run this race. I'm your child while I run this race. I'm your child while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!
- 5. Search my heart while I run this race. Search my heart while I run this race. Search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!
- 6. Guide my feet while I run this race. Guide my feet while I run this race. Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

† Benediction

Postlude

Liturgical elements from Discipleship Ministries (UMC) and The United Methodist Hymnal

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