

Sunday January 17th 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: In the shadows of the night, God calls us.

All: Here I am, for you called me.

One: In the daylight, God calls us.

All: Here I am, for you called me.

One: God calls to each of us by name.

All: Here I am, for you called me.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **VU# 291** “All Things Bright And Beautiful”

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Creating God, how deeply you know us. In the mystery of your love, you see who we are and who we might become. Our bodies are your creation; they are wonderfully made.

Our minds reflect your handiwork. Our spirits are a gift from you. You call us by name and invite us to follow. Lead us now into the depths of your love. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

Gospel Reading: John 1: 43-51

Hymn **VU# 242** “Let All Things Now Living”

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Confession

O God, you call to us. We hear you, but aren't sure who is calling. We hear you, but are distracted by many things. We hear you, but are afraid to answer.

Open our hearts to your voice. Help us set aside our doubts, and our fears, and our distractions, that we may answer you faithfully. Amen.

(A time of quiet reflection on the prayer we have just shared)

Assurance of Pardon

One: God searches us, knows us, loves us, and forgives us.

All: God's love shelters us and keeps us safe. Amen.

Anthem: Marty Goetz – “Hineni (Here I Am)”

Sermon: Listening for the Truth

Hymn **VU# 509** “I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky”

The Offering

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymn **VU# 639** “One More Step Along The World I Go”

The Blessing and Benediction

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.

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Postlude: Eric Whitacre – “Sing Gently”