

First Presbyterian Church Worship Bulletin 10.17.21 (communion)

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Praise the Lord Medley* Arr: Fred Bock
(To God Be the Glory and I Just Came to Praise the Lord)

Call to Worship

Gentle and patient

God, you are calling.

Careful and persistent

God, you are calling.

Unexpected and planned

God, you are calling.

In a still small voice and in power

God, you are calling.

Our God is eager to share with us,

wherever we are in our journey.

May we be diligent to listen.

God, you are calling.

Call to Confession

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we confess that often so many voices clamor for our attention that your word is hard to hear. Forgive us if you have called us to be prophetic witnesses or to use our gifts to serve you, and we have not heard, or have been unwilling to respond. Merciful God, take from us all that hinders our hearing your voice and fill us anew with the Holy Spirit, that we may joyfully respond to Jesus' call on our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer Song *Bless the Lord (2x)* STF2013
Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.

Silent Reflection and Confession

***Proclamation of the Gospel**

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen and Alleluia!

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another and share the peace we have found in God with our neighbor. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of our Risen Lord by bowing or waving to our neighbors around us.

***The Gloria Patri**

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray...Holy Spirit, grant us openness and give us understanding of what each one of us needs to receive through Holy Scripture. Amen

Scripture 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Sermon Calling in the Night

Hymn of Response #426 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

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. Oh, lead me, Lord, that I may lead

The wand'ring and the wavering feet.

Oh, feed me, Lord, that I may feed

Thy hungry ones with manna sweet.

3. Oh, 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. Oh, fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very hearts o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.*

*5. Oh, 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.*

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Offertory

He Knows My Name

Arr: Marianne Kim

1) He counts the stars one and all, he knows how much sand is on the shores, he sees every sparrow that falls, he made the mountains and the seas. He's in control of everything, of creatures great and small.

Chorus: And he knows my name, every step I take, every move I make, every tear I cry. He knows my name. When I'm overwhelmed by the pain, and I can't see the light of day, I know I'll be just fine....cause he knows my name.

2) I don't know what tomorrow may bring, I can't tell you what's in store, I don't know a lot of things, I don't have all the answers to the questions in my life, but I know in whom I have believed.

Chorus

3) He knew who I was when he carried my cross; He knew that I would fail him, but he took the loss.

Chorus

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Compassionate God, help us to answer your call to love and to serve and to heal. Help us to hear the shouts of the hungry, and to answer with food and nourishment. Help us to hear the cries of those in pain, and to answer with comfort and healing. Help us to hear the sobs of the lost, and to answer with your welcoming love. Let our gifts today answer the cries of all those in need in our world. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer after Communion

O God, send us out from our Lord's table to answer his summons into new life and to follow him with joy and gladness. Set our feet in his holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life and all we do may show forth his love. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Higher Ground

Arr: Mark Hayes

(Lord plant my feet on higher ground)

Sources: Call to Worship: adapted from Joanie Thurman Williams

<http://www.consideryourcall.org/sites/default/files/CYC-Media/Toolbox/Materials/Worship-Toolbox.pdf>

Offering prayer: <https://gill-lefevre.medium.com/sunday-prayers-1-samuel-3-1-20-b0641453df33>

Remembering in Prayer

Praise and Thanksgiving: (Lord, hear our praise): The faith of children.

Ministry of the Church in the Community: Boy Scout Troop 514

Healing and Encouragement (Lord, hear our prayer):

Homebound: Jean M

For those seeking healing and comfort: Preston, friends and family of Shelia Evans as they mourn the loss of their loved one, Joslyn, Rod, Don's travels, Ernie, Brent, Bob & Sherrie, Nicholas F and his family, Pastor Jean, Hannah and Joseph, Autumn and her family, Logan, Miss Peggy, Rick, Carlene & Wayne, Don H, Jim, Guy and Megan, Lonnie, Pete W, Kate, Bryce, Callum, Bobi, Ellen and Randy's sister-in-law, Cindi C, Dave P & his twin brother, Cindy and Steve, Adam, Patty's husband, and Sheri.

For our Community: Teachers, students, staff, and professors in our schools and EOU.