

## January 17, 2021 Order of Worship

### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Robert English

### Prelude

Joe Dilley, Organ

“When Morning Gilds the Sky”

By: Joseph Barnby; Arranged By: Franklin Ritter

### \* Call to Worship

Greg Spitler, Liturgist

*(The liturgist makes statements of faith.)*

The call of Jesus is this: “Come and follow me.” We are not always eager to hear this call. Sometimes we question, “What good will come of this?” Jesus says, “Come and see.” Our faith is an active faith. We put love into action for the sake of building a better world. Hear Jesus call you this day: “Come and follow me.”

### \* Opening Prayer

Rev. Robert English

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world, grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshipped and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### The First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, NRSV

Greg Spitler, Liturgist

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

\* Please stand, if able.

**A Musical Invitation to a Time of Prayer**

**Joe Dilley, Organ**

“Higher Ground”

By: Charles H. Gabriel; Arranged By: Steven Scott

**Joys and Concerns**

**Rev. Robert English**

(Requests received in advance.)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Rev. Robert English**

**\* The Gospel Reading, John 1:43-51, NRSV**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! 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.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

**Sermon**

**Gerard De Marco, Lay Servant, Certified Lay Speaker**

“There Is an Important Call for You”

**\* Benediction**

**Gerard De Marco, CLS**

**\* Postlude**

**Joe Dilley, Organ**

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

By: John Goss; Arranged By: Lani Smith