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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



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## **Welcome!**

*Welcome to worship! We're glad you're here!*

### **WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE**

**VU: Voices United**

**MV: More Voices**

\* Please remain seated for all of service.\*

*We would like to acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples.*

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Prelude**

**Call to Worship** *written by Joanie Thurman Williams*

One: Gentle and patient

**All: God, you are calling.**

One: Careful and persistent

**All: God, you are calling.**

One: In grieving and in praise

**All: God, you are calling.**

One: Through dawn and midday

**All: God, you are calling.**

One: Unexpected and planned

**All: God, you are calling.**

One: In a still small voice and in power

**All: God, you are calling.**

One: Spontaneous and prepared

**All: God, you are calling.**

One: Willing or protected

**All: God, you are calling.**

One: Our God is eager to share with us,  
wherever we are in our journey.

May we be diligent to listen.

**All: God, you are calling.**

**Opening Hymn I, the Lord of Sea and Sky VU509**

**1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? R**

**3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? R**

**Opening Prayer** *written by Rt. Rev. Richard Bott*

One: You speak in unexpected places,  
and with unexpected voices, God.  
And we aren't always sure how to listen.  
We aren't always sure who to listen to.  
We aren't always sure if we're really hearing you.

Be blunt with us, please. Be clear.  
Give us the challenge of loving you,  
of loving the other, of loving ourselves.  
And help us to live it out!  
Because you are God who loves us all,  
even when we don't know where to turn.  
In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen!

## **Hymn What Does the Lord Require of You VU701**

**1 *What does the Lord require of you?  
What does the Lord require of you?***

**2 *Justice, kindness,  
walk humbly with your God.***

**3 *To seek justice, and love kindness,  
and walk humbly with your God.***

## **Story Time and Prayer Shawl Blessing**

### **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

#### **Minute for Mission**

#### **Readings from Scripture (CEB) 1 Samuel 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. <sup>2</sup> One day Eli, whose eyes had grown so weak he was unable to see, was lying down in his room. <sup>3</sup> God's lamp hadn't gone out yet, and Samuel was lying down in the Lord's temple, where God's chest was. <sup>4</sup> The Lord called to Samuel. "I'm here," he said. <sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.”  
(<sup>7</sup> Now Samuel didn’t yet know the Lord, and the Lord’s word hadn’t yet been revealed to him.)

<sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> So Eli said to Samuel, “Go and lie down. If God calls you, say, ‘Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down where he’d been. <sup>10</sup> Then the Lord came and stood there, calling just as before, “Samuel, Samuel!” Samuel said, “Speak. Your servant is listening.” <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to Samuel, “I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of all who hear it tingle!

**Choir Anthem O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**

**Reflection Yet**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD AND LOVE**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Prayers of the People and 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 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, the power and the glory

Forever and ever. **Amen**

**WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS**

**1 Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?**

**Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?**

**2 Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?**

**Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?**

**3 Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?**

**Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?**

**Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?**

**4 Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?**

**Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?**

**Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound**

*in you and you in me?*

**5 Christ, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.**

**Commissioning** *written by Thomas Merton*

One: My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

nor do I really know myself,

and the fact that I think I am following your will  
does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you  
does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart  
from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the  
right road, though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always though

I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me,

and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

**\* Choral 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 God 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.*

*("Go Now in Peace" Written by Besig & Price 1988)*

## **Postlude**

### **Announcements**

**Faith Study** We continue with our Faith Study on Wednesday night at 7pm with "You are Never Alone" by Max Lucado. We'll be joining together over Zoom, but instead of publishing the Zoom link, please contact [revchris@sjruc.ca](mailto:revchris@sjruc.ca) to be added to the email list.

**Annual Meeting** The unified board met last week and we have decided (with United Church approval) that our annual meeting will be deferred til further notice. More information and Annual Reports will follow in the coming months!

**Executive and Unified Board** - The Executive and the Unified Board have been meeting regularly over the past few months in spite of the lockdown. At this time we are looking for new Board members to replace those who have served their terms. There is a need, especially during this time of COVID-19, for a strong Unified Board to continue the work of the church. And we need many hands to accomplish this goal. Please prayerfully consider how YOU can help to keep our church vital and relevant. If you think you could serve on a committee or as a committee chair please contact Rev. Chris, Lynda Perkes [chair@sjruc.ca](mailto:chair@sjruc.ca) or any member of the Board.

**Special Gifts Allocations:** The Special Gifts Committee invites applications for a share of any interest earned from the Special Gifts Fund. The deadline for applying is March 31, 2021. Please ensure that your application is in writing, is supported by the appropriate church committee, and that you indicate that you will spend any allocation by the end of 2021. Please send your application to Valerie Hoag at [mail@sjruc.ca](mailto:mail@sjruc.ca) or mail it to her at the church, by the deadline.