

THE LORD CAME
AND STOOD
THERE, CALLING
AS AT THE
OTHER TIMES,
"SAMUEL!
SAMUEL!" THEN
SAMUEL SAID,
"SPEAK, FOR
YOUR SERVANT
IS LISTENING."

1 SAMUEL 3:10

January 14, 2024

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, * indicates please stand, if able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The boy Samuel heard God's voice in the night.

We come listening for God's voice.

God knew us before we knew ourselves.

We come listening for God's voice.

Our minds, bodies, and souls belong to God.

We come listening for God's voice.

We come to this place to listen and follow.

Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN GTG 450

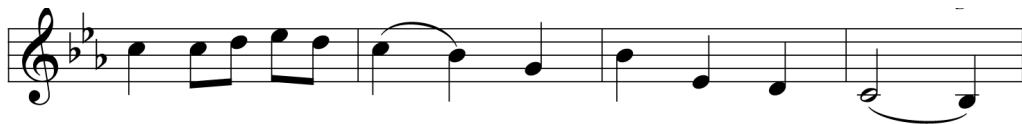
Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us approach God with confidence, trusting in God's grace as we humbly confess our sins.

Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our sins even before we confess. Your knowledge is wonderful, but also challenging. We'd much rather avoid painful truths and deny our role in wrongdoing. Help us face our failings so we can move forward in truth. Amen.

"The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting."

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. As we approach your Word, may we be ready to receive the message you intend for us today. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

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.”

SPECIAL MUSIC

Siyahamba

CPC Choir

We Are Marching in the Light of God
South African freedom song

GOSPEL READING

John 1:43–51

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,[a] you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

A new teaching, with authority! **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Julie

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 701

Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)

repeat



Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and



ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,



I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

EUCCHARIST PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

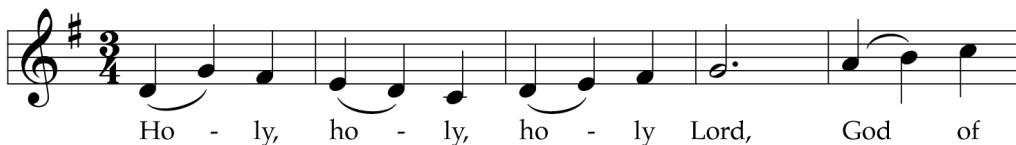
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GTG 572

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/ BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

*For communion, gluten free bread and grape juice are served for all who partake.
Please take and eat the bread as it is served, and then as a sign of unity,
hold the cup until all are served so that we might partake together.*

**HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION GTG 525 Let Us Break Bread Together
Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees.**

Refrain:

**When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)
2 Let us drink wine together on our knees... [Refrain]
3 Let us praise God together on our knees... [Refrain]**

Prayer After Communion

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN GTG 69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

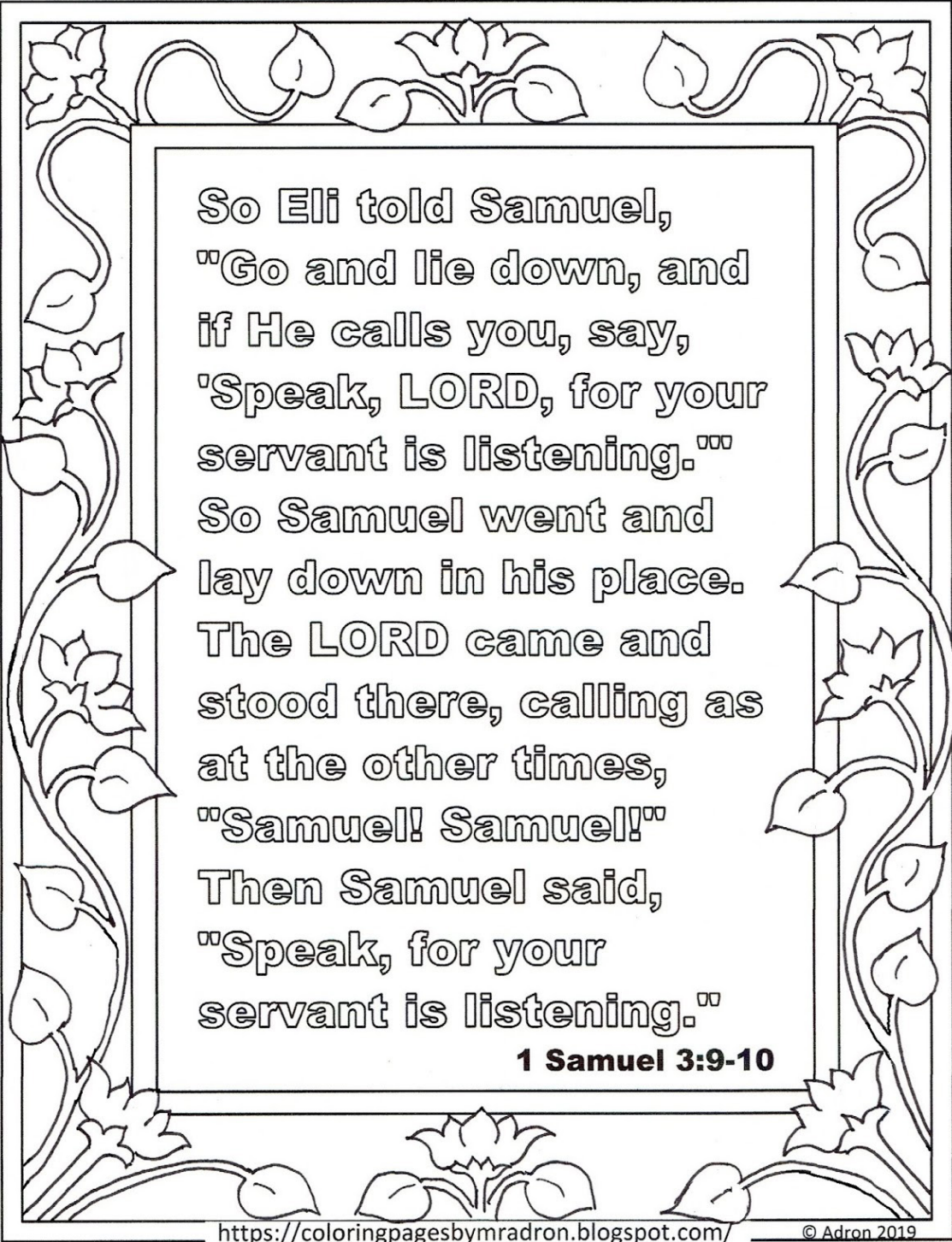
***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

May we leave this house of worship emboldened by the Spirit redeemed by God's Grace and ready to follow Christ's call.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of the God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us now and always.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



So Eli told Samuel,
"Go and lie down, and
if He calls you, say,
'Speak, LORD, for your
servant is listening.'"
So Samuel went and
lay down in his place.
The LORD came and
stood there, calling as
at the other times,
"Samuel! Samuel!"
Then Samuel said,
"Speak, for your
servant is listening."

1 Samuel 3:9-10

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

Sunday, January 14

9:30 am Worship with Communion
- Onsite and Online

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Monday, January 15

Office Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 16

Annual Report Items Due

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

6:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, January 17

6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC

Thursday, January 18

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, January 21

9:30 am Worship- Onsite and Online

10:40 am Book Discussion Group

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios



Judy Leal
Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny
Connie Holst
Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa
Shannon Cisewski
Ron Murray
Dick and Nancy Massaro
Nellie Brovold's mother, Jacqueline
Glenna Muir's sister, Annie
Mary Alice Richardson

*To be added to the prayer list,
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Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher	Rev. Julie Beck
Liturgist	Jane Burgstaler
Special Music	CPC Choir
IT Support	Louis Bouchard

ANNUAL MEETING



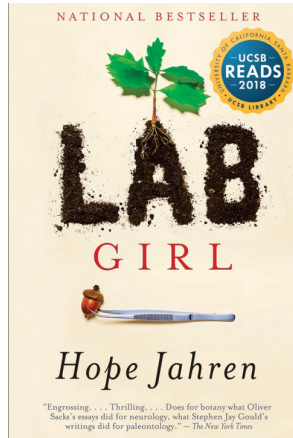
The **Annual Meeting** of the congregation will be Sunday, **January 28th** after worship.

All are needed to remember the year that has passed and look forward to 2024. The budget will be gone over, in addition to reports for all areas of the congregation.

Items for the Annual Report are due to Stephanie by January 16th.

Join the book discussion group on **Sunday, January 21st**, after worship to discuss *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren.

From Goodreads: “*Lab Girl* is a book about work, love, and the mountains that can be moved when those two things come together. It is told through Jahren’s stories: about her childhood in rural Minnesota with an uncompromising mother and a father who encouraged hours of play in his classroom’s labs; about how she found a sanctuary in science, and learned to perform lab work done “with both the heart and the hands”; and about the inevitable disappointments, but also the triumphs and exhilarating discoveries, of scientific work.”



Pastor Carla is in the office on Monday and Tuesday, 9-12.

Stephanie is in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:15-11:30/12:00.

Stephanie works remotely on Mondays and Thursdays.

The office is closed January 15 for MLK, Jr. Day.