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WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

GREETING – Psalm 118: 24

One: This is the day that the lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

GATHERING MUSIC THIS IS THE DAY #84

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In the stillness of the night, God called Samuel into service.

ALL: God calls us into service with a voice we are able to hear amidst the clatter and of our world.

One: God knows us, inside and out and still calls us to serve.

ALL: May our hearts be ready to come when we are called.

One: Let us give thanks and praise to God who calls each one of us.

ALL: Let us worship God and say Here I Am!

***HYMN Come, O Fount of Every Blessing #459**

**Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.**

**Here I pause my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning, God will guide us safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.**

*** UNISON PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL: Holy God, you call the small, and help them do great things; you call
the weak, and reveal their hidden gifts; you call the rejected, and open their
eyes to their worth.**

**Here we are Lord, humble and waiting. Let us gather to dream God's
dreams, receive God's power, and do God's deeds. Here we are Lord; may
we follow you. Amen**

**ALL: 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 sins as we forgive those
who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S STILL SPEAKING VOICE

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 3:1-21 New Revised Standard Version

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." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

One: God is still speaking

ALL: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE Samuel Answers God

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN I Would Be True #492**

**I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare,
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.**

**I would be friend of all, the foe, the friend-less;
I would be giving, and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and live,
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and live.**

**I would be prayerful through each busy moment;
I would be constantly in touch with God;
I would be tuned to sense God's slightest whisper;
I would have faith to keep the path Christ trod,
I would have faith to keep the path Christ trod.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

One: We are called to love God with our whole heart and mind and strength.

ALL: Called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

One: We bring before God our gifts, our talents, our praise and prayers as a sign of that love. Let us pray for God's blessings on all our offerings.

ALL: Loving God, accept all that we joyfully offer you this day. May we grow in faith and love that our whole lives might be a witness to your goodness. Amen

***HYMN Here I Am Lord Blue Folder #20**

I, the Lord of the 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. It is 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.

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?

(Refrain:) Here I am, Lord. It is 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.

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?

(Refrain:) Here I am, Lord. It is 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.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

***COMMISSION**

One: God whispers to each of us saying: you are my beloved, created in love for love.

ALL: My spirit answers, Here I am, Lord. Speak to me anew.

One: God has yet more vision for the people. Who will work for God to extend God's kingdom into our hurting world?

ALL: Here we are Lord. Empower us for your work.

One: We will leave this building, but we are always the church, the body of Christ.

ALL: We are the hands and feet of Jesus, carrying God's love and grace to the world.

***BENEDICTION**

***SUNG BENEDICTION**

Worship Resources:

David Inglis. Posted on the Henrietta United Church of Christ

Rev. Abi On the Long and Winding Road blog

Announcements:

The Guild will continue to meet at 3 pm on the first Tuesday of the month. EXCEPT in November when there is a conflict with election day, we will meet on Wednesday November 3

Next Sunday, October 24th, Scripture First Samuel 16: 1-13 New Revised Standard Version

We will be participating in the LANCASTER PRIDE FEST. Sunday October 24 at Clipper Stadium. If you are willing to take a shift at our table, please speak with Kathy Jones.

Join us for Bible Study each Monday at 7pm by Zoom. We will discuss the scriptures for the following Sunday's sermon. The Zoom link will be emailed Monday morning.

Join us for our study of the book Reunion: A Bible Study for Churches Getting Back Together Our next meeting will be TODAY, October 17 at 1:30pm

Our next movie night Friday October 29th at 7pm. Movie to be decided. Let pastor Patty know if you have any suggestions.

Our next Arts & Crafts Night will be November 11th from 6-9pm. Bring your own craft or come to chat.

We have posted a wish list in the Narthex- Can you help with an item or more? Huge thank you to everyone who has already donated items!

Please consider helping with our worship. Ushers, Lay Readers, Sound/Video Volunteers are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Our next Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday October 31st following the service.

Please contact Pastor Patty if you have any concerns or needs, or if you just need to talk. Phone: 570-506-0677, email: Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org

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