



Discernment: Listening for
God's voice

Our Worship of God

September 10, 2017

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Greeting

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices

arr. Burkhardt

Call to Worship (responsive)

God whispers to each of us:
you are my beloved,

My spirit answers,

Here I am, Lord.

Speak to me anew.

God breathes on us the Holy Spirit,
knitting many members into one body,
the body of Christ.

Together we answer,

Here we are Lord.

Come, Holy Spirit.

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

Here we are Lord.

Empower us for your work.

God calls the small, and helps them do great things.
God calls the weak, and reveals their hidden gifts.

God calls the rejected, and opens their eyes to their worth.

Here we are Lord, humble and waiting.

Then let us gather, old and young, small and great,
to dream God's dreams,
receive God's power,
and do God's deeds.

Here we are Lord.

Shine the light of your love on us.

Kindle your Spirit within us.

Work your redeeming will in us,

that all the world may be one

through the power of your love. Amen.

†Processional Hymn 532

Be Thou My Vision

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

†Prayer of Discernment (unison)

Creator God, be in my mind and my thoughts.

Lord Jesus Christ, be in my heart and my attitude.

Holy Spirit, be in my actions, my interactions and my understanding.

Amen.

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Blessing the Pastoral Residency Lay Support Team

†Hymn 585

Speak, Lord, in the Stillness

Scripture Reading

Diana Groshong

1 Samuel 3:1-18

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Listening (responsive)

O God, giver of all good gifts,
you have given me life.
You have bestowed upon me your love
and that love includes your plans for me.

What am I to do?
All life is a call and a response.

**I pray for grace to hear God's voice
and a heart to respond.
I am ready to listen.**

(Silence for listening to God's voice)

Help me to listen to the rhythm of each day, day by day,
so that I am not overwhelmed with thoughts of the future.
Yet guide me into that future so that I know who and whose I am.

**I shall listen.
I shall listen to the voices of those witnesses who have lived before me.
I shall listen to those who are here to give me guidance and
encouragement, for it is clear that whatever plans you have for me,
I will never journey alone.**

(Silence for reflecting on how God has spoken to you through other people)

And even though I want easy answers,
I know that what you want is a relationship.
So when I answer you,
may my response be to my potential
and to your love of all creatures on your good earth.

**Let me serve with the gifts you give me.
O God, I know that life is truly a gift of your love.
What am I to do?
I am ready to listen.**

(Silence for listening to God's Guidance)

Anthem

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me
Renan Leme, violin

arr. Helvey
Based on Ps. 139

*Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know
Where'er I rest, where'er I go;
Thou knowest all that I have planned,
And all my ways are in thy hand.*

*My words from thee I cannot hide;
I feel thy pow'r on ev'ry side;
O wondrous knowledge, awful might,
Unfathomed depth, unmeasured height!*

*Where can I go apart from thee,
Or whither from thy presence flee?
In Heav'n? It is thy dwelling fair;
In death's abode? Lo, thou art there.*

*If I the wings of morning take,
And far away my dwelling make,
The hand that leadeth me is thine,
And my support thy pow'r divine.*

*If deepest darkness cover me,
The darkness hideth not from thee;
To thee both night and day are bright,
The darkness shineth as the light.*

Message

How God Speaks

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment

Here I Am, Lord

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and 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.*

*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)

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)

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Intermezzo

Kim

†Benediction

Postlude

Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 10

10:15 am Small Groups

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group

6-8 pm College/Young Adult Kickoff

Various Classrooms

Conference Room

Lazer Lanes

Monday, September 11

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Finance Committee

5:30 pm Serving Committee

Parlor

Conference Room

Library

Conference Room

Tuesday, September 12

11:30 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

6 pm – Faith & Film: The Shack

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Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 13

6-7:15 pm The Calling for 6th-12th Grade

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

3rd Floor Youth Suite

Sanctuary

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Saturday, September 16

10 am-1 pm Teaching Team Retreat

Library

Sunday, September 17

10:15 am Small Groups

5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study

Various Classrooms

Youth Suite

Announcements

Mid-Week Small Group Opportunity

The Koinonia small group will begin on Thursday, September 7, at 6 pm and meet on the first and third Thursdays of every month in the Conference Room. Koinonia is a no prep group with a non-linear format. Come when you can without worrying about catching up to the rest of the group. We will be watching and discussing the Nooma video series. There will be coffee and sweets; if you can, please bring a dollar or two to help with cost. Child Care will be available. Contact Noah Hartsfield at nhartsfield2010@gmail.com or Abby Hartsfield at arc7cd@gmail.com for more information

New Sunday Small Group: The Work of Racial Equality

Join us for a conversation on The Work of Racial Equality, beginning Sunday, September 17 during the Small Group Hour (10:15 am) in the Conference room. The curriculum will challenge us to engage in safe, meaningful and substantive conversations about race. If we're open to it, this curriculum is an invitation to wholeness. Julie Walker and Misty Phillips will co-facilitate the conversation. The group is limited to 12 participants. To sign up or for more information contact Julie Walker at jbethwalker58@gmail.com.

The Shack

Join us for a five-week study of The Shack! We will meet in Tuesday nights, September 12 through October 10 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will watch the movie together in the first session, and have a panel discussion in the second session. Child care will be available.

Homemade ice cream cometh ... and so does Advent.

On Sunday, September 17 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall we will be asking your assistance as we prepare for our Advent theme, "And None Shall Be Afraid." During Advent, our worship spaces will be adorned with thousands of stars, and we need your help to get ready. We'll have "star making" opportunities for young and young at heart – and to further entice you to join us, there will be homemade ice cream! Childcare will be provided for our preschoolers. Hope you can join us for a treat-filled time.

First Baptist 101

If you sense that God is drawing you to the community at First Baptist, we celebrate that and we want you to have a chance to get to know our church! First Baptist 101 is a class for adults who are new members or who are interested in learning more about First Baptist. We will address questions like, *“What does it mean to be a member of First Baptist?”* and *“What does it mean to be Baptist?”*

First Baptist 101 will meet for an hour on three consecutive Sundays beginning October 1 at 4 pm in the Parlor, located on the 2nd floor across from the church offices. Here is an overview of each week:

- Sunday, October 1 – Baptist History and Polity taught by Rev. Bob Russell
- Sunday, October 8 – Understanding First Baptist leadership structure, the church staff, committees, goals and vision of the church taught by Pastor Carol McEntyre
- Sunday, October 15 – Overview of First Baptist ministries, opportunities to serve, and a building tour

For more information or to sign up for child care, contact Pastor Carol McEntyre at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org or 573-442-1149

Afternoon at the Farm

Save the date! Our annual Afternoon at the Farm is Sunday, October 22 at 3 p.m., with hayrides, trunk-or-treat, and dinner. More details will be published soon.

Sheppard Lecture

You don't want to miss our Fall Sheppard Lecture, October 28-29, featuring Amanda Tyler, Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty (BJC). Primarily an education and advocacy organization, the BJC is a leading voice in Washington, D.C., fighting to uphold the historic Baptist principles of freedom and separation of church and state. The BJC is the only faith-based agency devoted solely to religious liberty and church-state separation. The topic of the lecture series is “Liberty & Justice for some? Understanding Our Baptist Identity.”

Worship Notes

The Call to Worship was written by David Inglis. Posted on the **Henrietta United Church of Christ** website. <http://www.henriettaucc.org/PastorsPage/CallsToWorship.shtml>

The Prayer for Listening is posted on **Consider Your Call**.

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

Here I Am, Lord tune: HERE I AM, LORD. WORDS: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981. MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; arr. Mark Edwards, 2008. 1981 New Dawn Music (Admin. by OCP Publication). Arr 2008 Daniel L. Schutte and New Dawn Music.

Diana Groshong, today's scripture reader, is a life-long member of First Baptist as her parents were members here before she was born almost 76 years ago. Diana has been involved in the church in many ways over the years, including: Trustees (chair for several years), Deacon, Finance Committee, Chair of Administrative Team, Church Moderator and chair of the Church Council, and Chair of Fundraising Committee for the building of the elevator tower. She is also a charter ringer with Chancel Bells, and a longtime member of the Child Development Center Board. Diana was baptized in the old church before it was torn down, married in the present church, and plans to be buried here, although hopefully not in the near future! Both of her adult children are members of the church – her son K. Reese and spouse Susan Groshong, and daughter Lisa Groshong. She is married to Kee Groshong.

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11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening Contemporary Worship at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

The flowers are given by Ray & Jane Smith in honor of mother and brother

For Children During Worship:

1st- 5th Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth (grades 6-12) and Adult Combined Small Groups meet in the Parlor on the second floor for a study of the Enneagram.

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