

Worship for 17 January 2021  
Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

One: The One who calls you together this day yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.

**ALL: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

One: Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

**ALL: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

One: Lord, open our ears, that we may hear your voice;

**ALL: In your Spirit, grant us the strength to follow where you lead!**

Hymn of Invitation – “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers; kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.*

*In vain we tune our formal songs; in vain we strive to rise; hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers; come, shed abroad a Savior’s love, and that shall kindle ours.*

Prayer of Confession

***Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus’ name. Amen.***

Scripture – 1 Samuel 3:1-10; John 1:43-51 (see reverse)

Reflection – “Suspend Your Disbelief”

Prayers of the People & 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 Apostles’ Creed (see reverse)

Hymn of Thanksgiving – “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

*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?*

*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.*

Announcements & Blessing

-Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, January 24, 2021, following worship

### **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."*

### **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, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,*

*And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

***God is calling to you today; are you open to hear God's voice? Are you willing to suspend your disbelief and follow where the Spirit leads?***