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**WE WELCOME YOU ALL TO OUR SUNDAY SERVICE
AND APPRECIATE YOUR VIRTUAL PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION.**

January 17, 2021 + Second Sunday After Epiphany + 10:00 AM
Human Relations Sunday

Bolded text - said in unison by all
* If able, please stand where indicated.

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal*

TFWS – *The Faith We Sing*

Worship Leader: Nicole Peaks

CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY

Prelude

"Reminiscence"

Rex Koury

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In the shadows of the night, God calls us.

All: **Here I am, for you called me.**

Leader: In the daylight, God calls me.

All: Here I am, for you called me.

Leader: God calls to each of us by name.

All: Here I am, for you called me.

***Opening Hymn**

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH 451

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Creating God, how deeply you know us. In the mystery of your love, you see who we are and who we might become. Our bodies are your creation; they are wonderfully made. Our minds reflect your handiwork. Our spirits are a gift from you. You call us by name and invite us to follow. Lead us now into the depths of your love. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: O God, you call to us. We hear you, but aren't sure who is calling.

We hear you, but are distracted by many things. We hear you, but are afraid to answer.

Open our hearts to your voice. Help us set aside our doubts, our fears, and our distractions, that we may answer you faithfully.

(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)

Words of Assurance

Leader: God searches us, knows us, loves us, and forgives us.

God's love shelters us and keeps us safe.

All: God calls us to live in God's Love; thanks be to God. Amen!

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Dr. Leslie Lester

Responsive Hymn

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

TFWS 2214

Lead me, guide me along the way, for if you lead me I cannot stray

Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

CALLED TO THE WORD

Psalter Reading

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them -- they are more than the sand; I come to the end -- I am still with you.

Hymn of Illumination

Make Me a Servant

TFWS 2176

Make me a servant Humble and meek Lord let me lift up Those who are weak

And may the prayer of my heart always be

Make me a servant Make me a servant Make me a servant today

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-10

David Winful

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."

***Gospel Lesson**

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."

Sermon

"Dared to Listen"

Rev. Myungim Kim

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

CALLED TO SHARE

Offering

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below:

Praise him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn**

Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

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.

***Sending Forth**

Leader: God, who knows us better than we know ourselves, calls us to follow.

All: We go in Jesus' name to share the good news of God's love.

Leader: Go in peace, knowing that God loves you.

All: We follow the call of Love and go with God's abundant blessing. Amen!

***Circle of Blessing**

Shalom to You

UMH 666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude

"Celebration"

Lani Smith

Please continue to pray for all those affected by the pandemic.