

**Sunday, June 13, 2021 Participant's Bulletin Third Sunday after Pentecost**

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1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34

**Bold print - read in unison.**

**CENTERING WORDS** See as God sees. Only then can we see rightly. Love as God loves. Only then can we love with the eyes of our heart enlightened.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Helen Blakey, Liturgist

**PRELUDE (Organ & Piano Duet)**

In This Very Room

arr. Gayden Sikes

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Liturgist)**

Leader: Come, walk in the light of faith.

**People: We will walk humbly with our God.**

Leader: Come, love in the light of faith.

**People: We will love everything the light touches.**

Leader: Come, sing in the light of faith.

**People: We will sing praise to our God.**

Leader: Come, live in the light of faith.

**People: We will live as faithful followers of Christ.**

**OPENING HYMN (Piano & Liturgist)**

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

W & S 3176

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Liturgist)**

*Ecumenical*

UMH 882

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**INVOCATIONAL PRAYER (Pastor)**

Reverend Dr. George Winkfield

**SCRIPTURE LESSON (Liturgist)**

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called

Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS (Lectern)**

Reverend Wayne Harting

**PASTORAL PRAYER (Lectern)**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (Lectern)**

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS (Liturgist)**

**OFFERTORY SELECTION (Organ & Liturgist)**

*Here I Am Lord*

UMH 593

**OFFERING PRAYER (Pastor)**

**Bountiful God, your kingdom is like seed that is scattered on the ground. How it grows, we know not, but there is abundance in the harvest. Your kingdom is like a tiny mustard seed that grows into a shrub, where the birds of the air build their nests. May the gifts we bring before you this day bear the fruit of your kingdom, where all may be fed, and all may be blessed. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON (Pastor)**

Mark 4:26-34

**The Parable of the Growing Seed**

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

**The Parable of the Mustard Seed**

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

**The Use of Parables**

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

**HYMN OF PREPARATION (Piano & Liturgist)**

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

TFWS 2158

**SERMON (Pastor)**

Reverend Dr. George Winkfield

**CLOSING HYMN (Organ & Liturgist)**

*I'll Fly Away*

TFWS 2282

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING (Pastor)**

**POSTLUDE (Organ)**

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

arr. J. Mansfield