

# God is calling

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## cleanse your heart



**1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 51**



### CALL TO WORSHIP

1: God calls each of us — understanding or confused,  
2: powerful or trembling,

**All: Each of us is called, invited, needed.**

1: Whether fully focused on the spiritual or busy with other things,  
2: even those usually overlooked or left out,

**All: Each of us is called, invited, needed.**

1: for God's purpose to be fulfilled.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Break Every Chain" (live) ASL (Annabel & Tamara)

There is power in the name of Jesus (3x)  
To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain (2x)

Our all sufficient sacrifice. So freely given, such a price.  
Bought our redemption. Heaven's gates swing wide.

There is power in the name of Jesus (3x)  
To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain (2x)

### CALL TO CONFESSION and CONFESSION

You look on the heart, O God, and yet we confess that we look mainly on what we can see. Forgive us when our rigid traditions make us too fragile to be reshaped as clay in the hands of the potter. Help us see with your eyes, **and cleanse our hearts.**

Forgive us when we assume your call is only for some, and when we insist that ability resides in particular kinds of bodies, and so we give leadership roles to those who "look the part." Help us see with your eyes, **and cleanse our hearts.**

Forgive us when our love of the familiar solidifies into hard hearts. Forgive us when our comfort takes precedence over your call. Help us see with your eyes, **and cleanse our hearts.**

Though we proclaim "judge not," we still judge based on first impressions. Forgive us, O God, for saying one thing and doing another. Help us see with your eyes, **and cleanse our hearts.**

### Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021, 11am

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PRELUDE, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Slides

1. CE Team Meeting at 1:30om today
2. Worship Committee next Sat.
3. Sign up for Directory Photos (in person!)
4. Trunk or Treat next Sunday

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS

“Take My Life And Let It Be,” vs. 1 & 5

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the Holy Spirit so grip our hearts, that we cannot help but fix our eyes on God.  
Whether we fully understand or not, may God make us ready to receive the Lord’s new  
word, and act on it.  
Hear the Good News: it is in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven, **Thanks be to God.**  
**Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Mare Mainard-O’Connell

READING

God Calls David 1 Samuel 16:1-13

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.”<sup>2</sup> 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.’”<sup>3</sup> 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.”

<sup>4</sup> 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?”<sup>5</sup> He said, “Peaceably;  
I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacri-  
fice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now  
before the LORD.”<sup>7</sup> 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

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this  
one.”<sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The  
LORD has not chosen any of these.”<sup>11</sup> 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.”<sup>12</sup> 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.”<sup>13</sup> Then Sam-  
uel 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.

MEDITATION ON THE WORD IN SONG “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

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Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God;  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence; cast me not away from your presence; Cast  
me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation; restore to me the joy of your salvation;  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Psalm 51:10-15

To The Leader. A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had  
gone in to Bathsheba.

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
<sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.  
<sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.  
<sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.  
<sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.

SERMON

Rev. Marie Mainard-O'Connell

ANTHEM "Give Us Clean Hands" (By Charlie Hall)

We bow our hearts we bend our knees. Oh Spirit come make us humble.  
We turn our eyes from evil things. Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Give us clean hands give us pure hearts. Let us not lift our souls to  
another. Give us clean hands give us pure hearts. Let us not lift our souls  
to another. And oh God let us be a generation that seeks. That seeks  
Your face oh God of Jacob. And oh God let us be a generation that seeks  
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob.

CREED

For our creed we will use the Law of God, as it was passed down to Moses on Mt. Sinai  
by the Lord. Let us remind ourselves of the law of God. The congregation will begin  
with the bold words on your screen.

**God spoke all these words, saying, I am the Lord your God.**

You shall have no other gods before me.

**You shall not make for yourself an idol of anything in heaven above or on the  
earth below or in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down or worship  
them.**

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

**Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**You shall not murder.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**You shall not steal.**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**You shall not covet your neighbor's home, you shall not covet your neighbor's  
spouse, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

This is the law of God for the people of God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We lift our hearts to you, O God,  
bringing our whole selves before you in praise and in prayer.  
We are grateful for your vision, and your persistence.  
You continue to look out for your people,  
to call us to turn away from the old ways and toward your new life.  
We thank you for seeing past the borders and traditions and rules we create,  
and calling us together from beyond the edges of business-as-usual.  
Merciful Savior, **Change our hearts, O God.**

Holy One, you long to be first in our hearts.  
You call us to listen first to you, rather than to what is expedient.  
We pray this day for minds open to your call, and for courage to follow.  
We ask this for ourselves, and for our leaders —  
that we all may be guided by your justice and compassion,  
rather than our own power or greed.  
Merciful Savior, **Change our hearts, O God.**

We ask, too, for those who have been left out, pushed aside, and passed over,  
that they may know themselves loved,  
even when this world declares them expendable or forgettable.  
Create us again as a community that cares,  
ensuring all are welcomed, fed, and housed...  
and also that all have lives of joy and purpose.  
Merciful Savior, **Change our hearts, O God.**

Teach us your ways, God,  
that we may see as you see and love as you love.  
Help us to be merciful as you are, help us to seek after the hearts of others,  
Grant us your compassion and grace to help the weak and bless the needy,  
And forgive those who have harmed us intentionally or not.  
Merciful Savior, **Change our hearts, O God.**

Help us to pray from the heart, as often as we breathe, saying

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, they 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 debt-  
ors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Vera Lloyd

Video

#### GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

All that we have is a gift from God. As a sign of our faith, God asks us to give not only what is easy, but also what is meaningful and valuable. We offer ourselves and our gifts to God, in gratitude for God's faithfulness to us. May our offerings be a reminder of God's amazing generosity, and may they be for others a blessing that opens the way of abundant life. You may give by leaving an offering in the plate as you exit the sanctuary, or by giving online through our webpage.

We also note that some gifts are meant for those who worship here, and so if you find yourself in need—physical, mental, or spiritual—that you would share your need with our elder for Congregational Care, Mary Henry, or with our Pastor, as we are called to help one another in our need as well.

\*Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Video

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### \*PRAYER & PASSING THE PEACE

\*HYMN OF SENDING

"Breathe On Me Breath Of God"

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Annabel on organ and Tamara as song leader

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love  
what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one  
will, to do and to endure.  
Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part  
of me glows with thy fire divine.

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

"The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you, and be  
gracious to you; The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace."

#### \*POSTLUDE