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THE STORIES  
THAT SHAPE US  
**HERE I AM, LORD**  
hearing & listening to God  
1 Samuel 3:1-21

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**Welcome to  
CAPC Oakland!**

We are a reformed, multicultural, politically purple, community of followers of Jesus. Together we seek to vigorously live our faith in our words, actions, and relationships in the East Bay.

In this time of disruption and new normal we gather hybrid-ly (both in person and via Zoom).

*This is our new normal.*

It's something that we'll get better at each time we gather, allowing us to gather together and be consistent with our values and commitments. We ask that you wear a mask during worship as some of our community (our children in particular) are not yet vaccinated.

**CHILDREN**

We've reconfigured out how to do our Godly Play program for children via Zoom. We meet 9:30-10am on Sundays via Zoom. Info in the announcements on the back.

**POST-SERVICE GARDEN PARTY**

We are serving a light snack and coffee after worship in the garden throughout the summer. You can enjoy that mask-free. We ask you to not touch any of the food or drink, instead let us serve you.

**PRAYER CARDS**

To operationalize participation in our Prayers of the People we invite you to fill out a prayer card and share it with the liturgist or to share your requests in the chat on ZOOM labeling it with 'prayer.'

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GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD BOTH IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM

PRELUDE: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

GATHERING SONG "The Summons"

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "I Know The Lord Has Laid His Hands On Me"

HEARING GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 3:1-21

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD THROUGH THE PRACTICE OF LECTIO DIVINA

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Here I Am Lord"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER - Myrna Shadley  
WE USE A CALL AND RESPONSE LITURGICALLY PRAYED AT THE CONCLUSION OF SHARING A PRAYER.

Leader: God, in your mercy.  
People: Hear our prayer.

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS "Give Me Jesus"

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SENDING SONG "Say Yes"

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good! Leader: And all the time!  
People: All the time! People: God is good!

EXHORTATION & BENEDICTION

PASSING THE PEACE OF GOD "The Peace of Christ"

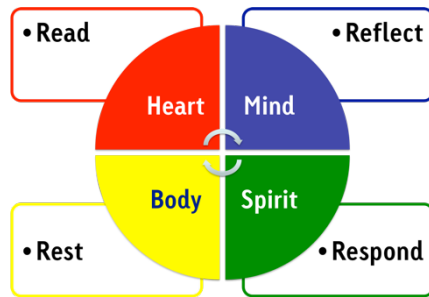
*In the season of a pandemic new normal, you're invited to pass the peace of God however and to whoever you can this day as we live our lives of disciples of Jesus sheltering-in-place, as a living sign of the Dominion of God at work moving us toward the healing transformation of the world.*

POSTLUDE "The Chicken"

**Today's Reading**  
**1 Samuel 3:1-21**

The over-arching story of the Hebrew scriptures and New Testament: *our* story continues. We jump across some big stories that shape us, the remaining time in the wilderness desert followed by the entry into the Promised Land. The leadership of Moses ends, as he is succeeded by his intern Joshua. The Hebrews settle in the land, following the teachings of YHWH. They are governed by the Judges as they learn little by little what it means to be a holy, set-apart people. Eli becomes the head priest, and is succeeded not by his sons (as would be normal in the hereditary tribe-based system) who are narcissistic and use the power of the priesthood for themselves; but by Samuel – a miracle child who is born to a long-barren woman (see 1 Samuel 1-2). In our reading today we hear of Samuel as he grows from a child into an adult, and as his faith becomes less child-like in an encounter with God. It's a story about growing in faith, hearing God and choosing to listen to God as life-affirming source of vocation and grace.

Today we're listening for God's voice in the scripture through the long practiced spiritual discipline of Lectio Divina (or sacred/holy reading). It's approaching the text in faith, assuming that the story is our story, that God continues to speak to us in our world today – through life, experiences, and relationships and also through the sacred word of scripture – written, spoken and heard. We'll read the scripture two times, followed by times of reflection and discussion. As you listen – listen less to understand the text than to understand or "hear" it as God's word for you today.



**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN VIA LECTIO DIVINA:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading 1 of the scripture:**

*followed by 5-7 minutes of discussion in groups of 2 or 3 people*

1. What word, phrase or image enraged, engaged or surprised you in the text?
2. What is your earliest memory of church? Is there a story that goes with it?
3. When do you feel really listened to or heard? Is there a story of a time like that? Or maybe a time when you felt not really heard or listened to? .

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the scripture:**

*followed by 5-7 minutes of discussion in groups of 2 or 3 people*

4. How is this story of Samuel about you?
5. What makes it hard for you to listen to and hear other people, or God? How would you like to change that?

*October Birthdays*

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 14 Mike Castner | 26 Chinyere Okereke |
| 30 Robbin Peach | Joshua Beatty       |

*Weekly Calendar*

**Race Matters Monday, October 25th @ 6pm on Zoom** Talking about adoption and multicultural families with Linda Davis. [capcoakland.org/racematters](http://capcoakland.org/racematters)

**Friday Night Meal – Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm.**

Sign up online w/ the QR Code to help with set-up and serving, and clean-up. The Piedmont Community Service Crew High Schoolers are cooking. Marji Wilkens is host



**Letters of Love** send a greeting card to someone who could use a good word or to one of our governmental representatives (back wall).

**Godly Play for Children/Youth Sundays 9:30-10am on Zoom**

**Sabbath as Resistance – Tuesdays 7pm (Zoom)**  
*Next meeting is Tuesday, 11/2.*

**Wrestling with Scripture** Thursdays at 7pm on Zoom. *Reading the weekly text in community.*

**Deacons Meeting – Today, Sunday 10/24** after worship in person and on Zoom

**Halloween Sunday – Next Sunday, 10/31**

The Rockridge District Association is again doing trick-or-treating along College Ave. We'll be passing out candy after worship. You can come to worship in costume if you like!

Rev. Ruth T. West is preaching in worship.

**Pastor Monte is on vacation 10/18-11/1**

If you need emergency pastoral care during that time you can contact Rev. Bill Beatty by his cell phone at (510) 851-2237.

**Thank you to Today's Worship Leadership:**

- Godly Play: Bill Beatty
- Music: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle
- Prayer Liturgist: Myrna Shadley
- Worship Leaders: David Kittams, Patt Schroeder
- Video Tech: Albert Hussian, Dann Wilkens

## LYRICS & RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

*We seek to use gender inclusive language, as we affirm that God is neither male or nor female – but wholly and holy other. In doing so, we seek to empower each person to participate fully in worship, able to identify with the lyrics of songs and the words of our communal prayers.*

### “The Summons”

*John L. Bell © 1987, Iona Community, GIA Publications,*

1. Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same  
Will you let my love be shown  
Will you let my name be known  
Will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me
2. Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me
3. Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same  
Will you kiss the leper clean  
And do such as this unseen  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me
4. Will you love the “you” you hide  
if I but call your name  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same  
Will you use the faith you've found  
To reshape the world around  
Through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me
5. Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

### Call to Worship Litany –

*Written by Monte, inspired from Priya Parker's book  
The Art of Gathering*

One: What a mess this past week,  
this past month,  
this past year.

**People: What a hot mess**

One: We regather after it having been  
dangerous, scary, *even* illegal.

**People: We regather having heard rumors of a  
dangerous flu, far away,  
that was unlikely to come here to our home.**

One: We regather together to celebrate and to mourn

**People: We regather together to connect  
and remember who we are**

One: We regather together to listen to what God  
has done in the past and is doing in the present

**People: that we might hear God's word:  
hope for today, vision for tomorrow.**

One: We regather together because we can

**People: The world we live in today is such a mess.**

One: What a hot mess.

**ALL: and today I choose to regather  
in that mess with you.**

### “I Know The Lord Has Laid His Hands On Me”

*African-American spiritual*

*African American Heritage Hymnal #360*

Chorus

Oh I know the Lord, I know the Lord  
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me, Oh  
I know the Lord, I know the Lord  
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me

1. Did you ever ever ever see the like before?  
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me  
King Jesus preaching to the poor  
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me  
Oh I know the Lord has laid his hands on me

*Continued on the back of the page....*

2. Oh wasn't that such a happy day  
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me  
When Jesus washed all my sins away  
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me  
Oh I know the Lord has laid His hands on me

3. How great a day, how great the hour  
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me  
When Jesus comes with all His power  
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me  
Oh I know the Lord has laid His hands on me

4. My Lord's done just what he said;  
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me;  
he's healed the sick and raised the dead;  
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.

### **“Here I Am Lord”**

*Daniel L. Schutte (1981)*  
*The Blue Presbyterian Hymnal #525*

1. I the lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in deepest 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

#### *chorus*

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

2. 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

3. 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

### **“Give Me Jesus”**

1. In the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise,  
In the morning when I rise  
Give me Jesus

#### *chorus*

Give me Jesus  
Give me Jesus  
You can have all the rest  
But give me Jesus

2. My mother used to say,

3. Dark midnight was my cry,

4. And when I'm about to die,

### **“Say Yes”**

*Michelle Williams*

When Jesus say Yes nobody can say no  
When Jesus say Yes nobody can say no  
When Jesus say Yes nobody can say no  
When Jesus say Yes nobody can say no

I'm not worried about a thing  
cause I know you are guiding me  
Where you lead me Lord I will go  
I have no fear cause I know who's in control  
There's no limit to what you can do  
Cause it all belongs to you yes it all belongs to you  
You're almighty and all powerful  
And it all belongs to you, yes it all belongs to you