

January 17, 2021
Human Relations Sunday

Call To Worship

God, you call each of us to serve you, and we answer,
“**Here I am!**”

Jesus, you call each of us to follow you, and we answer,
“**Here I am!**”

Holy Spirit, you call each of us to worship you this day,
and we answer,
“**Here I am!**”

Opening Prayer

O God,
you call to us today,
just as you called to the boy Samuel
so long ago.
Gathered here today,
we are many different ages,
but we pray for the maturity of faith
to hear your call and respond to your Word.
Open our ears and our hearts
as we worship, as we work,
and as we care for one another.
We ask that you would give us courage and integrity
to answer your call with the heart-felt words,
“Here I am!” Amen.

Hymn – Be Thou My Vision

<https://youtu.be/dXDhCEnM-bQ>

Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1—10, 15—18

Psalm 139

Prayer for Illumination

Open our ears, O God,
that we might hear your Word
speaking to us in this moment.
Open our ears, O God,
that we might listen for your voice
calling to us through scripture.
Open our ears, O God,
that we might understand your promises
to followers both old and young, ancient and modern.
Open our hearts, O God,
that we might enter into the love
you offer us. Amen.

Sermon

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. I will lift up a prayer, and pause for a time of silence. You are invited to lift up a person or situation in need of prayer either silently or out loud, after which I will say “Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.”

Grant, almighty God,
that all who confess your name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silent prayer.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations,
in the ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silent prayer.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,
that we may use its resources rightly
in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silent prayer.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours,
and grant that we may serve Christ in them,
and love one another as Christ loves us.

Silent prayer.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;
give them courage and hope in their troubles,
and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silent prayer.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died,
that your will for them may be fulfilled;
and we pray that we may share with all your saints
in your eternal kingdom

Silent prayer.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us how
to pray saying

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom
come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever.
Amen.

Offering

Online giving at <https://www.solomonsumchurch.org/online-giving/>
Mail offering to PO Box 403 Solomons MD 20688

As God has blessed our lives with abundant love and gifts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to this place, seeking to help others, to offer comfort and hope. Let us receive our morning offering.

Prayer of Dedication

Lord of all mercy and compassion, bless these gifts lovingly offered and all the people here. Help us to use these gifts for ministries of hope through our church and into our community, nation and world. AMEN.

Hymn -- The Summons

(lyrics below)

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<https://youtu.be/o469PRLdbHU>

Prayer of Confession

Awesome God,
you have made all of creation
and each cell of our bodies.
You know our thoughts
and you know our sins.
We desperately try to hide our mistakes,
our weaknesses, our embarrassments.
But you know it all,
and so we come before you now
asking for your forgiveness.
Even as you know the limits of our human capabilities,
we know the unlimited power of your love.

Forgive us, cleanse us, make us whole.

Words of Assurance

The God who has made us will never desert us.
The God of creation is creating still, making us new.
The God whose love gave us the gift of Jesus Christ
is the same God whose love forgives and sustains us.
Amen.

Hymn -- Here I Am, Lord

(lyrics below)

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Benediction

Go into the world, listening for God's call in your lives.
Go into the world, ready to follow Jesus Christ.
Go into the world, sustained by the love and power
of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Summons

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?

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?

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?

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?

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.

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Here I am, Lord

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

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
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

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