

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude: "Take Time to Be Holy" # 572

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Gathering:** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!" # 588

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own Way! Thou art the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and try me, Savior today! Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now, as in thy presence humbly I bow.

3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me I pray! Power all power, surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

*Responsive Call to Worship 8:30am Don Aye/10:30am Frank Morgan

"Psalm 23" (see insert) # 734

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

Children's Message

Rev. Schwartz & Abigail

Text

I Samuel 16: 1-13

(NRSVA)

Message

"Do You See What God Sees?"

Rev. Schwartz

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings

8:30am Don Aye/10:30am Frank Morgan

***Doxology:** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 46

Prayer of Dedication

* = *Please stand*

Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Pastoral Prayer

A Prayer of Confession # 571

Communion Meditation and Invitation 8:30am Rev. Schwartz/10:30am Frank Morgan

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Communion Music: "Open the Eyes of My Heart" MSPW2 # 572

*Come forward to the Lord's Table to partake of Communion

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn: "Come and Find the Quiet Center" # 575

1. Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.

2. Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base, making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun, raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

3. In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain, let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain: there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care, in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

*Benediction

Rev. Schwartz

Postlude: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" # 61

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Liturgical Color: Violet

I Samuel 16: 1-13 (NRSVA)

¹The 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.’
²Samuel 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.”’
³Invite 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.’
⁴Samuel 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?’
⁵He 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.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.’
⁷But 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.’
⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, ‘Neither has the LORD chosen this one.’
⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, ‘Neither has the LORD chosen this one.’
¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The LORD has not chosen any of these.’
¹¹Samuel 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.’
¹²He 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.’
¹³Then 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.

L: These are Words from the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome! May your Journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.