



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 12, 2009

Eleven o'clock

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE GATHERING

The service of worship begins with the prelude; quiet is requested as you enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship. In the spirit of Christian fellowship, we invite you to wear a name tag which is available from the greeters. As a community that prays with and for one another, we invite you to share your joys and concerns by using the blue cards available from the ushers and in the welcome pad folders. Those parts of the Service of Worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type.

**Stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE	Prelude & Fugue in D Minor Aria	Bach/Kuhnau Flor Peeters
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* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Adapted from Psalm 25*):

Leader: To you, O Lord, we lift our souls;

People: In you, O God, we put our trust.

Leader: Show us your ways and teach us your truth;

People: Guide us in what is right.

Leader: For the Lord confides in those who fear the Lord; God will make God's ways known.

People: Our eyes look toward our loving and faithful God. Our hope is in the Lord!

* HYMN 426	Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak	Canonbury
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please use the welcome pad in the blue folder at the end of the pew. Record your presence. Pass it back, noticing who is worshipping with you. When the pad has been returned, please tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all that is seen and unseen, we yearn for the assurance that our understanding of you is complete. We yearn to know that our choices are expressions of your will. We yearn for the freedom to risk believing that you are present in our life together. Yet the screaming voices in our minds distract us from truly listening to your voice. The insecurities in our souls interfere with our confidence that you are truly calling us at all. The cries of secular signs all around us disrupt our ability to wait patiently for your call or accept that you have a call for us at all. Calm our anxieties, Lord. Draw us so close to you that we are unable to confuse the cacophony of life's possibilities with the certainty of your call. Focusing on you, may we focus on the ways of Christ; living our lives in the ways of Christ may we do our part to lift up your beloved kingdom on earth. Amen.

PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Friends, believe and proclaim the Good News: in Jesus Christ, love breaks through hatred, hope breaks through despair, life breaks through death.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and set free.
Thanks be to God!

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymnal No. 579

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

* EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Leader: Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened his heart to us, and God will be glorified.

People: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

(Exchange Signs of Reconciliation and the Peace of Christ with your neighbor - e.g., *“The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”*

Response - *“And also with you.”*)

* HYMN 525

Here I Am, Lord

Here I Am, Lord

+ *Children and Youth leave for Summer Sunday School in the Chapel.* +

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-11

ANTHEM The Call (*from the Five Mystical Songs*) R. Vaughan Williams
SANDRA RUGGLES, SOPRANO

SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:1-4

SERMON

“It Must Be a Sign!” The Rev. Beverly Dempsey

OFFERTORY

Domine Deus (*from Gloria*)
SANDRA RUGGLES, SOPRANO

A. Vivaldi

* THE DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

THE SENDING OUT

* HYMN 430 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! *Darwall's 148th*

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Prelude & Fugue in G Major *Bach/Kunau*

(Our worship ends with the conclusion of the Postlude. It is the custom of our church to remain seated. Those who wish to leave may do so.)

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Samuel 3:1-11 (NRSV)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle.

1 John 4:1-4 (NRSV)

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming; and now it is already in the world.

⁴Little children, you are from God, and have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.