

**Astoria First United Methodist Church**  
*January 17, 2021*

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*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** **Mary Frances**

**CENTERING MUSIC** **“Step by Step”** **Mary Frances**

**WORDS OF WELCOME** **Pastor Michael**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** **Lorel Bresko**

Let it be known and proclaimed! Let this truth sink into the depths of your being: The presence of God receives us as we continually reflect your light and likeness. You embrace and accept us exactly where we are now and the circumstances we find ourselves in our journey. All our questions, our pain, and our stories, all of these unfinished experiences and memories are held close by your Spirit, with incalculable love, not only holding all we bring to you, but holding sacred with an ever- expanding divine love that upholds those around us and all the world. Quieting the noise of shame. Letting go of words that tell us we are “not enough.” Instead the voice of God speaks to us all saying, All are Welcome, Always! **AMEN**

**OPENING PRAYER** **Pastor Michael**

**SCRIPTURE READING** *“I Samuel 3:1-10* **Lorel Bresko**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The 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.

Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” and 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. And the Lord called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose 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.” *Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.* And the Lord called

Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then *Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy*. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*“Would I Have Answered”*

**Mary Frances**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**Pastor Michael**

**UNISON PRAYER FOR CONFESSION**

**Lorel Bresko**

Gracious Lord, we are so focused on ourselves, God of every life, it is hard to see the lives which others endure. When we are so worried about how the economy will affect us, we do not notice those in need around us. As we grumble about our aches and pains, and about how difficult it is to get out of the bed each day, we easily ignore the broken. Forgive us, God of goodness and grace. Speak to us of healing, so we might bring help to others. Speak to us of grace, so hearing, we may share it with everyone we meet. Speak to us of love and life, so we may offer it as freely as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought it to us. Forgive us, we pray.

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**Lorel Bresko**

Come and see! God’s grace is poured out on everyone, God’s hope is freely shared in every moment, forgiveness is the gift which mends and heals when our choices are unwise and lead us to act in ways that dishonor you. Thanks be to God. We are surrounded by God’s love and mercy, thank you for your forgiveness and grace which upholds us and sustains us now and to the very end! In the Name of Christ. AMEN

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

**Mary Frances**

**UMH#57**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

*“John 1:43-51”*

**Pastor Michael**

**SERMON**

*“Do You Hear What I Hear?”*

**Pastor Michael**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Mary Frances**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Pastor Michael**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Pastor Michael**

*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 trespasses, as we forgive those who 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.*

## **BENEDICTION:**

**Pastor Michael**

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## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We welcome to our friends from the Warrenton UMC  
as they join us for worship.**

**As a follow-up to our recent Four Week Advent Study,  
We are beginning another study in the new year.  
Topic: Extraordinary Men and Women in the Bible  
Start Date: January 12, 2021 End Date: March 23, 2021  
Time: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. by Zoom**

**All of January we will be doing our Stewardship / Pledge Drive.  
Please send your pledge cards into the church office As Soon As Possible.**

**We still need volunteers for liturgist each week.  
Please call Sue Hicks or Mary Frances Gunn if you wish to help.**

**If you want to provide special music – let Mary Frances know.**

**We now have recordings of the worship services available as a link.**

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