

# Order of Worship

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021

The liturgical color is green symbolizing a focus on our Christian growth.

*We lift up prayers for the community, our church family, staff, ministers,  
and for the work of Christ in the world.*

**Prelude** "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Hal H. Hopson

**Call to Worship** "Seek Ye First" UMH #405  
*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!*

**Welcome** Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

\* **Opening Hymn** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH #400

\* **Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* **The 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.

**Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Howle

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Children's Time** Julia Brooks

\* **Hymn of Preparation** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH #454

**Sermon Text** 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Laura Bowden **8:30**  
Sharri Hammond **11:00**

Now the boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation. And it came to pass at that time, while Eli was lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the Lord where the ark of God was, and while Samuel was lying down, that the Lord called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!" So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." ¶ And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down. ¶ Then the Lord called yet again, "Samuel!" ¶ So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." (Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him.) ¶ And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me." ¶ Then Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¶ Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" ¶ And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

**Anthem** "Control" Tenth Avenue North  
Grant Nesmith, *Guitar*

**Sermon** "The Call of Samuel" Rev. Meredith M. Dark

\* **Closing Hymn** "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

\* **Benediction** Rev. Dark

**Postlude** "Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall" arr. J.C. Bach

(\* Please stand as you are able.

UMH #400

**“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

UMH #454

**“Open My Eyes, That I May See”**

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free..

*Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.*

*Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. **[Refrain]**

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. **[Refrain]**

UMH #593

**“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 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? **[Refrain]**

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? **[Refrain]**

The **Flowers** that beautify our sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my husband, Michael Flanagan, on his birthday by Kathleen Flanagan.

**Flowers are needed for the following dates: Jan 31; Mar 7, 14, 21, 28.** To place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Julian in the church office, 843-448-7164 x207 or [jennifer@fumcmb.org](mailto:jennifer@fumcmb.org).

We welcome those visiting with us today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ in our worship together.

Sunday Worship may be viewed Live on Facebook at 8:30AM or on the website ([www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org)), on our mobile app, or on FOX TV Sundays at 10AM on channel 7 (one week delay).

**Ushers**

**Assisting in Worship**

**8:30** Ann Andrews, Ron Andrews, Marion Bellamy, Harry Branton, Jerry Champion, Greg Clemmons, Ronald Eldridge, Judy Hall, Roger Hall, Jack Rebeck, Toby Ward

**11:00** Neal Bowers, Preston Bowers, Daniel Shuler, Annette Willett, Ed Williett

**Video** | Jim Lewis

**Visuals** | Melinda Morgan

**Audio** | **8:30** Dan Fleming  
**11:00** Melinda Morgan