

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

February 6, 2022

***God is Calling: Are you Listening?***

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

PRELUDE *Air* Johann Sebastian Bach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: The people of God were made for worship: to sing and to praise, to laugh and to dance.

**People: The people of God were made for God's presence: for pleasure and praise, for joy and for celebration.**

Liturgist: Come, holy people, chosen by God: Gather for worship, come, from all places!

**People: We have come to God's temple; we have gathered in the name of Jesus to praise God and enjoy him forever.**

\*HYMN *The Voice of God Is Calling* No. 436

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**We gather this morning to worship and to listen for your voice, O God. In this time, we pray that you will help us to slow down, and to open our hearts and minds to what you have for each of us. Keep us from becoming overwhelmed by the voices and distractions all around us. God, meet us where we are. You know how to reach us in ways that we can hear. We thankfully serve a God who persists, who never gives up on us. And you know what each of us needs in any situation. Speak to us; your servants are listening. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow* African American spiritual

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in one God, whose nature is love, and who has been revealed in one Lord, Jesus Christ, by one Holy Spirit of grace.**

**We believe in the authenticity and inspiration of the Holy Scriptures; we believe that the Bible is the revealed Word of God and has authority in all matters of faith and conduct.**

**We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He came in the flesh, died for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day according to scripture.** (Continue)

**We believe that holiness and joyful living are connected; we believe that the church is called to practice good works, and in this way the people of God will bring glory to the Father in heaven.**

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 9:1-22

Liturgist: *The Word of God for God's people.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\*RESPONSE *Holy, Holy, Holy* No. 64

***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

MESSAGE *"God is Calling: Are You Listening?"* Reverend Lisa Flory

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN *Time Now to Gather* No. 2265 (The Faith We Sing)

**AN INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Confession and Pardon (unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(All pray in silence.)

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

**PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS**

Offertory *Riggadoon* Henry Purcell

\*Congregational Response: *Take My Life* Tune: HENDON

***Take my life, and let it be consecrated Lord to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.***

Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer

The elements are distributed by the ushers so that we might receive communion in the pew.  
Please hold the elements until instructed to receive, that we might commune together as one table.  
(Gluten free wafers are available - please let an usher know if you are in need of one.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself for us. Grant that as we have joined with your people throughout the world, we may go into your world seeking justice and mercy for all. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN *The Summons* No. 2130 (The Faith We Sing)

\*BENEDICTION

Leader: You have been called and continue to be called by Christ. You are called to follow him daily in all your ways. You are called to be an instrument of his love and grace as you live, give and serve.

People: **As we answer God's call, may we find our lives and the world changed forever. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE *Fugue in F-Major* George Frederic Handel

\* - All Standing...A position of adoration and praise

+ - All Kneeling or Sitting...A position of humility and petition

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.  
Liturgist: Rev. Dave Harris

**Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd**

We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry



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**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**  
*Celebration of Faith*



Sermon Outline: *God is Calling: Are you Listening?*

Acts 9:1-22

1 Samuel 3:1-4:1; Acts 9:1-9; Acts 26:9-20

Pastor Lisa Flory

The foundation for all our communication with God is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. As we see in Samuel's call story, the first step in a life of service is to respond in faith to God's voice.

There may be other "voices" and barriers that prevent us from hearing God's voice. As we see in the story of Paul's on the road to Damascus, it took some "goading" for God to get through to him. But we also see in this story a God who pursues us even when at first we resist his call.

What are the reasons that we so often fail to hear God's voice?

1. The competing voices all around us: the distractions, the lies, and the temptations coming from the world and from the enemy
2. The doubts and the fears that we buy in to- doubts about our own worthiness and fears that we are not good enough; doubts about God's power to save and fear about an unknown future as his disciple
3. Pride, and thinking we have it all together; not wanting to surrender or let go of control

And yet... we serve a God who can and will speak through all this, to reach you right where you are. All we need to do is respond in faith, as Samuel did, saying, "Speak! For your servant is listening."

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### **2022 Mission Support**

#### International

Heifer Int., UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief),

Congo Partners in Mission, Africa University

#### Lebanon County

COGS in Motion, Gretna Glen Support, Habitat for Humanity, Iglesia Nuevo Nacimiento, Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM), Lebanon Rescue Mission, Support Connections of Lebanon County(SCLC), Good Shepherd Care and Compassion Fund.

Speaker: Rev. Lisa Flory

Calendar for Week of 2/6/2022

SUNDAY

8:30 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Confirmation Class [Forge]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

11:00 - COGS Kids [Hall]

4:00 - CR step study [Library]

4:00 - Private Hall, yth rm, Gthrng Area

6:00—Middle School Youth Night

MONDAY

4-8—Private [sanctuary]

6:00 - CR Praise band rehearsal [WC]

7:00 - Staff Parish Relations [Lounge]

TUESDAY

7:00—Disciple [Lounge]

WEDNESDAY

5:30-8:00 - High School Yth [Hall/Forge]

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

7:00—Traditional Choir [choir rm/sanctuary]

THURSDAY

5:00—Contemporary Design Team

5:30—Traditional Design Team

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

11-1:30—Daisy Scouts

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