



Flossmoor Community Church
Sunday, October 17, 2021

WELCOME

Take a moment of quiet to connect with yourself and with what you know of the Holy. Be present in this moment, trusting that your whole self is welcome here. See if you can allow Divine Love to give you what you need today, and may we all go from this place doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God.

Pastor Julie



CONNECT

* Be sure to let us know you are here at the check in table in the Narthex! Prayer Cards are in the pews & Visitor Connect cards are available on the high-top tables.

* Offering envelopes are available in the pews. Offering boxes for your gifts to support our ministries are in the gathering space and lobby. Gifts can also be given online at fccfaithful.org/giving.

* Share our current Job Postings with your friends fccfaithful.org/jobopenings.

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Prelude

Prelude and Fugue on *Nettleton*
Mark Sudeith, Organ

Ethan Haman

Welcome

Rev. Julie Van Til

*Call to Worship

Esther Jenkins, liturgist

One: God whispers to each of us: you are my beloved, created in love for love.

All: My spirit answers, Here I am, Lord. Speak to me anew.

One: God breathes on us the Holy Spirit, knitting many members into one body, the body of Christ.

All: **Together we answer, Here we are Lord. Come, Holy Spirit.**

One: God has yet more vision for the people. Who will work with God to co-create the future?

All: **Here we are Lord. Empower us for your work.**

One: Gather us in, the old and young, the small and great,

All: **to dream Your dreams, receive Your power, and do the work of Love. Amen.**

*Hymn #649

"Gather Us In", verse 1 & 2⁺

GATHER US IN

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

One: God of grace, in the days when your word was rarely heard and when visions were scarce, you broke into Samuel's life and called his name... and he said, "Here I am, speak, for your servant is listening."

All: We confess that recognizing your voice in the clamor of noise around us feels difficult. It's likely that you have called us to be prophetic witnesses or to use our gifts to serve you, and we have either not heard or have been unwilling to respond. Merciful God, help clear away what hinders us from hearing your voice. Help us notice, pause, and with curiosity and trust, respond to you.

One: *Please take a moment in silence...*

Creative God, we want to be a part of what you create. Thank you for calling our names, again and again, to gather us in and enter the song - a song of healing, justice, joy and restoration. In Your name we pray, Amen.

Moment for Mission

Offering Prayer

Hymn/Response - Doxology Hymn #147

*please stand if you are able

Children's Blessing

One: With the love God freely gives us,
All: **we love you!**
Children: The Peace of Christ be with you all!
All: **And also with you!**

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-21

3 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.

2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; **3** 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. **4** Then the **LORD** called, "Samuel! Samuel!"^[a] and he said, "Here I am!" **5** 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. **6** The **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." **7** Now Samuel did not yet know the **LORD**, and the word of the **LORD** had not yet been revealed to him. **8** The **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. **9** Therefore 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.

10 Now the **LORD** came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." **11** Then 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. **12** On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. **13** For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God,^[b] and he did not restrain them. **14** Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

15 Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the **LORD**. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. **16** But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." **17** Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." **18** So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the **LORD**; let him do what seems good to him."

19 As Samuel grew up, the **LORD** was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. **20** And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the **LORD**. **21** The **LORD** continued to appear at Shiloh, for the **LORD** revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the **LORD**.

This is the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Please take a moment for silent reflection.

Sermon

Heather Lundy

Congregational & Community Life

Hymn

"Sing a New Church"

NETTLETON

Summoned by the God who made us rich in our diversity,
Gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in unity:
Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways,
Sing a new world into being, one in faith and love and praise.

Trust the goodness of creation; trust the Spirit strong within,
Dare to dream the vision promised, sprung from seed of what has been.
Bring the hopes of every nation; bring the art of every race.
Weave a song of peace and justice; let it sound through time and space.

Benediction

Postlude Postlude on *Lasst uns erfreuen*

William Faulkes

*Today's Flowers are from Janet & Barry Bolton in loving memory of their parents,
Dr. James and Mrs. Elizabeth Bolton and Dr. Omer and Mrs. Marjorie Renfrow*

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Introducing Today's Guest

Heather Lundy, they/them, is a licensed mental health therapist and entrepreneur. Trained in art, psychology, and theology, Heather creates ethic-centered business models that heal brains and expand human consciousness. They have started five mental health companies by age 32. In 2016, Heather founded Khesed Wellness, a nonprofit making mental health therapy affordable for the underinsured. Khesed has provided 15,000 sessions and is growing nationally through site partnerships with organizations (like Flossmoor Community Church) that have part-time unused space. Heather and their mini goldendoodle Nooma reside in the Rocky Mountains.

Adult Education

Forum today at 11 am in Sanctuary

Guest Speaker: Heather Lundy of Khesed Wellness

Wednesday Bible Study

Every Wednesday through November 17

Led by Rev. Julie Van Til & Betsy Hanzelin

10 am in Genesis Room

7 pm on Zoom (like on Adult Ed page of website)

Creative and engaging study of upcoming texts!

World Communion Offering Recipients

We are still collecting funds for our World Communion Special Offering! The Board of Faith in Action has chosen Direct Relief (www.directrelief.org) and ShelterBox USA (www.shelterbosusa.org) as recipients.

Please prayerfully consider your contribution to the World Communion Offering. Your donation can be made in offering boxes, by mail to church, or online at the Giving tab on www.fccfaithful.org, indicating *World Communion* in the description.

STARTING SOON

Dusk, Night, Dawn: On Revival and Courage by Anne Lamott

October 31, November 7, 14, 28, and December 5 in the Family Room at 11:15 am

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