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9:45 AM

**22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**Guess Who?: A Series Investigating Key Figures of the Bible**

**Mt. Zion Bible Detectives: Uncovering the Wonders and Mysteries of the Faith**

*Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**WEEKLY CLUES**

**PRELUDE**

*Be Not Afraid*

by Talbot

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

L: Gentle and patient

**C: God, you are calling.**

L: Careful and persistent

**C: God, you are calling.**

L: In grieving and in praise

**C: God, you are calling.**

L: Through dawn and midday

**C: God, you are calling.**

L: Unexpected and planned

**C: God, you are calling.**

L: In a still small voice and in power

**C: God, you are calling.**

L: Spontaneous and prepared

**C: God, you are calling.**

L: Willing or protected

**C: God, you are calling.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY<sup>2</sup>**

L: Insistent God,

**C: by night and day you summon your slumbering people, so stir us with your voice and enlighten our lives with your grace that we give ourselves fully to Christ's call to mission and ministry. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 593 UM HYMNAL** (see next page)

*Here I Am, Lord*



# Here I Am Lord

Dan Schutte, 1981

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Piano 

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

5 

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will break their  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est bread I

10 

stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright. Who will bear my  
hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

14 

light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
word to them. Whom shall I send?  
life to them. Whom shall I

21 

I have heard you call-ing in the night. I will go Lord, if you

28 

lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

## **\*TIME OF CONFESSION<sup>3</sup>**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God of grace,

**C: 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."**

**We confess that often so many voices clamour for our attention that your word is again hard to hear. Forgive us if you have called us to be prophetic witnesses or to use our gifts to serve you, and we have not heard, or have been unwilling to respond.**

**Holy Spirit, empower us to recognize and to respond to the invitation of Jesus to follow him, even when that means travelling on unknown and unfamiliar paths.**

**Merciful God, take from us all that hinders our hearing your voice and fill us anew with the Holy Spirit that we may joyfully respond to Jesus' call on our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 295 NCH (v. 1)

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

**ALL SING: I sing a song of the saints of God, faithful their whole lives through, who bravely labored lived and died for the God they loved and knew. And one was a doctor and one was a queen and another a shepherd in pastures green. They were saints of God if you know what I mean God help me to be one too.**

**KID'S MESSAGE**

**WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Remember Me*

by Choplin

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Guess Who? Scriptures*

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 531 NCH** (black hymnal, see next page)

*God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

# God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Frances R. Havergal, 1872

Arr. from Robert Schumann, 1872

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

1. God, speak to me, that I may speak in  
 2. O lead me, God, that I may lead some  
 3. O fill me with your full-ness, God, your  
 4. O use me, God, use ev - en me just

4

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
 wan - der - ers a - long life's way; O feed me so that  
 ov - er - flow - ing love to know; In glow - ing word and  
 as you will, and when, and where, un - til your bless - ed

7

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with - out de - lay.  
 kin - dling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

# A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

*Would I Have Answered When You Called*

arr. Tate

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 439 NCH (black hymnal, see below, vs. 1-3) *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther

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**Piano** ♩ = 80

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time with a tempo of 80 beats per minute. It consists of five systems of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and fermatas.

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a  
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our  
3. And though this world with dev - ils filled should  
4. That word be - yond all earth - ly powers for -

4  
bul - wark nev - er fail - ing. Our pres - ent help a - mid the flood of  
striv - ing would be los - ing. But there is one who takes our side, the  
threat - en to un - do us. We will not fear for God has willed the  
- ev - er is a - bid - ing; The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for

8  
mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe does  
One of God's own choos - ing. You ask who that may be? Christ  
truth to tri - umph through us. The powers of e - vil grim, we  
Christ is with us sid - ing. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

12  
seek to work us woe with craft and pow - er great, and  
Je - sus sets us free! With might - y power to save, vic -  
trem - ble not for them; their rage we can en - dure, for  
mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill; God's

16  
armed with cru - el hate, on earth with - out an e - qual.  
- to - rious o'er the grave, Christ will pre - vail tri - um - phant.  
lo, their doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell them.  
truth shall tri - umph still; God's reign end - dures for - ev - er.

**References**

<sup>1</sup>The Call to Worship is written by Joanie Thurman Williams, and posted on **Consider Your Call**. <http://www.consideryourcall.org/sites/default/files/CYC-Media/Toolbox/Materials/Worship-Toolbox.pdf> and accessed for use 10/10/24.

<sup>2</sup>The Prayer of the day is posted on **Revised Common Lectionary Prayers** copyright © 2002 Consultation on Common Texts admin. Augsburg Fortress. Posted on **Thematic, Intercessory and Scripture Prayers for the RCL**, Vanderbilt Divinity Library. <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/> and accessed for use on 10/10/24.

<sup>3</sup>The Time of Confession is written by Moira Laidlaw, on [Liturgies Online](#), and accessed on 10/3/24.

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

**Welcome Team Members**—Nancy & Jeff Sleeper, John & Connie Wolfe

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