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22nd Sunday after Pentecost <u>Guess Who?: A Series Investigating Key Figures of the Bible</u> <u>Mt. Zion Bible Detectives: Uncovering the Wonders and Mysteries of the Faith</u>

Thank you for worshiping 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 WORSHIP¹

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 DAY²

L: Insistent God,

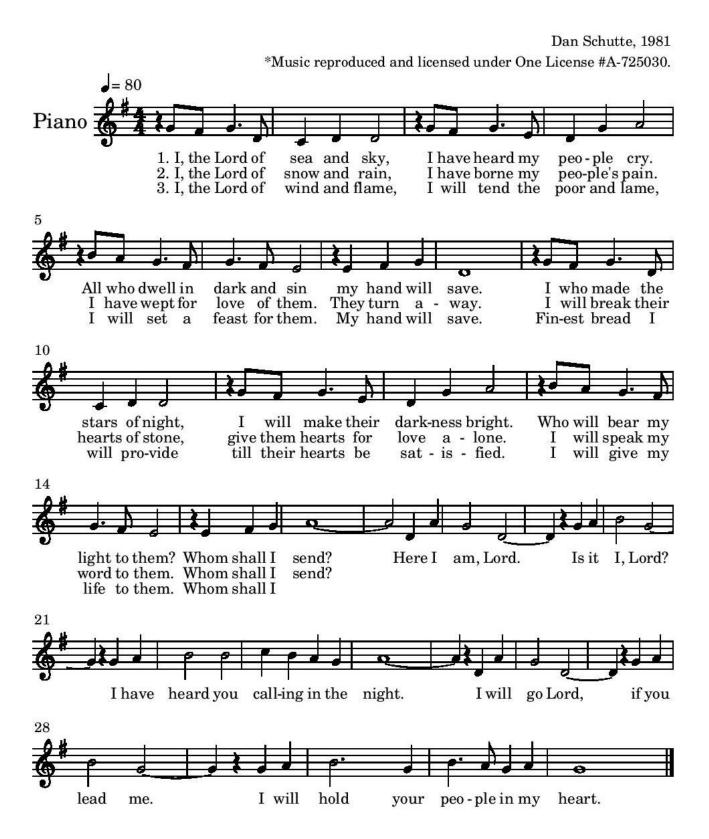
C: by night and day you summon your slumbering people, so stir us with your voice and enlighten our lives with your grace that we give ourselves fully to Christ's call to mission and ministry. Amen.

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

Here I Am, Lord



Here I Am Lord



*TIME OF CONFESSION³

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

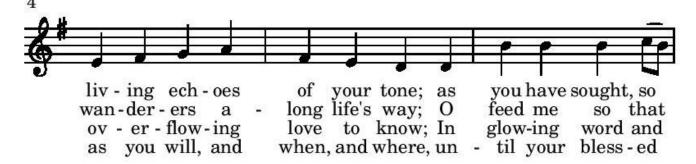
God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Frances R. Havergal, 1872

Arr. from Robert Schumann, 1872

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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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

arr. Tate

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



We Are Called

arr. Tate

References

¹The 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.

²The 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.

³The Time of Confession is written by Moira Laidlaw, on <u>Liturgies Online</u>, and accessed on 10/3/24.

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

<u>Welcome Team Members—</u>Nancy & Jeff Sleeger, John & Connie Wolfe <u>Liturgist—</u> Brenda Beyer <u>Tech Team—</u>Deb Herlocker, Jack Herlocker

