

On this chilly day, I hope that the light of the Lord is warming you with grace and peace.

And, as we look forward to Sunday morning, I initially want to express my gratitude to Ken Cuthbertson for filling in for me last week as I participated in a worship service that had been planned since October. Not only am I delighted to be in worship with you again, but I am also anticipating the joy of being enriched by your countenance.

On Sunday, we will be looking at a text from First Samuel 3:1-10, and included in that passage is a phrase that says, "the word of the Lord was rare." And perhaps that is how it feels for many of us in our current political climate or in our own personal lives. But even though the word of the Lord was "rare," the word of the Lord did not "disappear." God still spoke to those who were willing to hear, and similarly we can employ our faith by seeking to discern the word of the Lord as God speaks to us in our culture and society.

Let me invite all of you to join us at 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. as we explore this passage of Scripture together. May the word of the Lord fill our minds, hearts, and souls.