

First United Methodist Church of Elgin

January 17, 2021

Prelude

“Gigue”
A. Corelli

Dr. Mindy Pugh

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Felicia LaBoy

Announcements

Cindy Palm, Lay Servant

Call to Worship

Cindy Palm, Lay Servant

God knows us better than we know ourselves. God calls us, inviting us on a journey of love.

In the shadow of the night, God calls us.

In the daylight, God calls us.

God calls to each of us by name.

Who is calling us? Come and see.

What might happen? Come and see.

Jesus calls to us.

“Follow me.”

Opening Hymn

Eric Fox, Kara Fox, Laura Johnson

“Everything That Has Voice”

Worship and Song #3126

Prayer

Cindy Palm, Lay Servant

O God, you call to us. We hear you, but aren't sure who is calling. We hear you, but are distracted by many things. We hear you, but are afraid to answer. Open our hearts to hear your voice. Help us set aside our doubts, our fears, and our distractions, that we may answer you faithfully. We pray this in the name of your Son Jesus, who taught us to pray saying...

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Offertory

Laura Johnson

“Give Me Jesus”

Traditional Spiritual/arr. Hogan

Scripture Readings

Cindy Palm, Lay Servant

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (MSG)

¹⁻⁶ God, investigate my life;
get all the facts firsthand.
I'm an open book to you;
even from a distance, you know what I'm thinking.
You know when I leave and when I get back;
I'm never out of your sight.
You know everything I'm going to say
before I start the first sentence.
I look behind me and you're there,
then up ahead and you're there, too—
your reassuring presence, coming and going.
This is too much, too wonderful—
I can't take it all in!

¹³⁻¹⁶ Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out;
you formed me in my mother's womb.
I thank you, High God—you're breathtaking!
Body and soul, I am marvelously made!
I worship in adoration—what a creation!
You know me inside and out,
you know every bone in my body;
You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit,
how I was sculpted from nothing into something.
Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth;
all the stages of my life were spread out before you,
The days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day.

¹⁷⁻¹⁸ Your thoughts—how rare, how beautiful!
God, I'll never comprehend them!
I couldn't even begin to count them—
any more than I could count the sand of the sea.

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Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Felicia LaBoy

Meditation

“Carillon”

Dr. Mindy Pugh

T. Dubois

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Felicia LaBoy

Speak Lord, I’m Ready to Listen

1 Samuel 3:8-18 (NIV)

⁸A third time the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he call you, say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

¹¹And the Lord said to Samuel: “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle. ¹²At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end. ¹³For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons blasphemed God, and he failed to restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swore to the house of Eli, ‘The guilt of Eli’s house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.’”

¹⁵Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the Lord. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, ¹⁶but Eli called him and said, “Samuel, my son.”

Samuel answered, “Here I am.”

¹⁷“What was it he said to you?” Eli asked. “Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you.” ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, “He is the Lord; let him do what is good in his eyes.”



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Closing Hymn

Eric Fox, Kara Fox, Laura Johnson

“Here I Am, Lord”

United Methodist Hymnal #593

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Felicia LaBoy

Response

Eric Fox, Kara Fox, Laura Johnson

“As We Go”

Worship & Song #3183

Postlude

“Now Thank We All”

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Dr. Mindy Pugh



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