

ORDER OF SERVICE  
St. James United Church  
Epiphany II  
10:00 AM - January 17, 2021  
Worship Leader: Rev. Diane Robinson  
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Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Land

**We acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, and Lakota nations referred to as Treaty 4 territory. This land is also the homeland of the Metis nation.**

**We respect and honour these traditional lands. As we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, we pray that we will faithfully move forward in partnership as Indigenous and non-Indigenous siblings in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.**

*We all have different language for experiencing the holy. Feel free to change the words in hymns and prayers to suit your faith expression.*

Song for Centering: "Spirit of Life" (*Voices United #381*)

Opening Words: (*Written by Joanna Harder*)

Jesus comes alongside us and calls us by name:

**"[insert your name here] follow me."**

A simple call. A hard call.

Because following requires leaving.

**We look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.**

**We look around to see the trappings of the life we know.**

It's hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.

**But we have come this far, to this place,  
where we can listen and be transformed.**

Opening Song: "Long Before My Journey's Start" (*More Voices #63*)  
(*Based on Ecclesiastes 5: 13 - 22*)

Prayer For Openness: (*Written by Rex A.E. Hunt. Adapted by D. Robinson*)

Let us affirm the connection we have with each other,

and with that Creative Mystery, which is known by many names.

Let us pray:

**May I remain open to the unfolding of**

**all that can be celebrated,**

**all that can be learned,**

**all that can be accomplished,**

**all that can - and will - be,**

**without ever diminishing the life of myself or others.**

**May it be so.**

Children's Song: "Dance With The Spirit" (*More Voices #156*)  
(*You are invited to tap your toes or get up and dance; clap or shake a noisemaker*)

A Time For All Ages

Scripture Readings: Two Stories of Call

1) 1 Samuel 3: 1 - 11

"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.  
At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see,  
was lying down in his room;  
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.  
Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!'  
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.  
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'.  
Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD,  
and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.  
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.  
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.  
Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before,  
'Samuel! Samuel!'  
And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening'."

2) John 1: 43 - 51

"The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee.  
He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.'  
Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.  
Philip found Nathanel and said to him,  
'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote,  
Jesus, son of Joseph from Nazareth'.  
Nathanel said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?'  
Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'  
When Jesus saw Nathanel coming toward him he said of him,  
'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!'  
Nathanel asked him, 'Where did you get to know me?'  
Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.'  
Nathanel replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!'  
Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree?'

You will see greater things than these.'  
And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God  
ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Reflection

Song of Response: "I Have Called You By Your Name" (*More Voices #161*)

Announcements

We Acknowledge All That Is Given And Received

Offering Prayer of Thanks: (*Written by Francis McNab*) (*Adapted by D. Robinson*)

**May our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity.**

**May our faith be expressed in good and just causes.**

**May our belief in the future find full expression  
in our daily attitude of mind.**

**May it be so.**

Prayers of Thanksgivings and Concern and The Lord's Prayer (*Voices United # 959*)

**Our Father** (alternate: *Mother, Creator*) **in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom** (alternate: *kin-dom*) **come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil**

**for the kingdom** (alternate: *kin-dom*), **the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Song of Going Forth: "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" (Here I Am, Lord)" (*Voices United #509*)

Commissioning:

Go now.

As you go listen for the voice of the Holy and follow where it leads.

**As I go may the Spirit of Love be with me and speak through me.**

Go in peace to love and serve others.

Blessing: "Known" (*Written by Jan Richardson*)

(Jan: "[*May we*] never cease to reckon with the challenge, the comfort and the call of knowing and  
being known".)

First we will need grace.

**Then we will need courage.**

Also we will need some strength.

**We will need to die a little to what we have always thought,  
what we have allowed ourselves to see of ourselves,  
what we have built our beliefs upon.**

We will need this and more.

Then we will need to let it all go to leave room enough for the astonishment that will come

should we be given a glimpse of what the Holy One sees in seeing us,  
**knows in knowing us, intricate and unhidden**  
**no part of us foreign,**  
**no piece of us fashioned from other than love**  
**desired, discerned, beheld**  
**entirely all our days.**

Sung Blessing: More Voices #215 "Peace Be With You" (*Sing Twice*)

Postlude

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