

**Grace Methodist
Church
August 20, 2023**

Prelude

Opening Hymns FWS #2130

“The Summons”

UMH #349

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Congregational Prayer

Psalm Prayer UMH #753 Psalm 22:12-31

The Apostles’ Creed UMH #881

Children’s Message

“Here I am, Lord”

Scripture Readings 1st Samuel 2:22-26, 1st Samuel 2:35

1st Samuel 3:1-21

Sermon “The Lord Calls Samuel”

The Lord’s Prayer UMH #895

Offering UMH #95 The Doxology

Closing Hymn UMH #593

“Here I Am, Lord”

Closing Prayer and Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

Announcements

The Apostles’ Creed UMH #881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer UMH # 895

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 forever. Amen.

UMW meets after worship today.

Items for the Newsletter are due, tomorrow, August 21st.

The church office will be closed August 25th.

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Welcome to Worship!

Challenge: This month's challenge is to think about your ministry calling. How is the Lord calling you to serve in the church, in the community, and in your own family? All of us have a calling, what is yours?

Questions:

1. The Lord calls Samuel as a young man, and then is with him the rest of his life. How is this true for many of us as Christians? Were you called as a youth, or as an adult? Does it make a difference eternity wise?

2. Eli, the priest, is incredibly flawed as are his sons. You could make the argument that Eli is even evil, because he allows his sons to conduct evil. For this reason Samuel is called, and takes Eli's place until the kingdom of Israel is established.

What warnings should we take away from Eli's story?

3. In 1st Samuel 3:19, the Lord makes it known to everyone that He is with Samuel. What does it mean for the Lord to "be" with someone? What does it look like in our day and age?
