

January 17, 2021
GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The one who calls you together this day yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.

People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

You invite us, O God, to live in your ways, and you give us to each other to know and to love as we journey in this life. Show us your will for all creation. Help us to listen to your urgings with prayerful hearts so that we may honor what you have made, in the name of the holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN “God Is Calling Through the Whispers” Hymnal 410

**RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM
GOD AND EACH OTHER**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Assured that the One who calls us to hear and obey already knows the confessions of our hearts and is ready to forgive, let us confess our sin before God and before one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Spoken and Silent (After the corporate Prayer of Confession, please take a few moments of silence to individually confess our sins to God.)* **Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by grace you have been saved. In Jesus’ name you are forgiven. Your sins are no more. You have been made clean. God strengthens you with freedom through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 139:1-18
SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 3:1-20
John 1:43-51
1 Corinthians 6:12-20

SERMON *Epiphany Series: Created Anew*
Created for Freedom

Rev. Piper Cartland

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by The Lord’s Prayer (we say *sin*)

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

HYMN “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” Hymnal 722

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

The prayer deacon this week is Paige Saylor. You can email her any prayer requests that you’d like Piper to mention during the pastoral prayer.

Wednesday night Bible study will meet again this week at 6:30 on Zoom. Our new study is Great Themes of the Bible. If you’d

like to join us let the office know and we will email you the curriculum.

Lay leaders are needed for January. Please let Piper or the office know if you can record the Call to Worship, Prayer of Invocation, and Psalm.

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