

John 1:43-51 he next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."
⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael 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."
⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."
⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"
⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."
⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"
⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."
⁵¹And 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."

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Responding in Faith

Notes

Affirmation of Faith
Apostles' Creed, ecumenical p.14

The Service of Giving
 Prayer of Dedication Offering Music
+Response *Gloria Patri #577*
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

Going into the World
+Hymn *I'm Gonna Live So... #369*
+Charge
+Benediction
+Postlude



THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church
 January 14, 2018
 +Stand as you are able
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Lighting of the Christ candle

+Call to Worship *(MinistryMatters)*

L: God, you call each of us to serve you, and we answer,
P: "Here I am!"
 L: Jesus, you call each of us to follow you, and we answer,
P: "Here I am!"
 L: Holy Spirit, you call each of us to worship you this day, and we answer,
P: "Here I am!"

+Opening Prayer

Let us pray: **Calling God, in our worship today may we hear and recognize your call to us and may we be moved to answer in new and challenging ways. We ask this in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray together: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom 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, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

+Hymn *I Will Call Upon the Lord*
 STF2002

Call to Confession

Confession Let us pray: **Gracious God, our culture calls to us and we are drawn in by its temptations: money, power, and entertainment. You call and we grumble about how hard it is to follow you, how we don't understand what you are asking us to do. Have mercy on us and guide us away from worldly enticements; help us understand your purpose for our lives and help us to follow it. (moment of silence.)**

Have you ever heard God's voice? What did it sound like? If you haven't, what do you think it might sound like? How would you know it was God?

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.
P: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Song *Come & Fill Our Hearts 2x #2157*

The Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the Peace of Christ be with you.
P: And also with you.

Anthem *Grace Alone – Brown/Nelson*

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination
Open our hearts and minds, O Lord, that we may hear and understand your word; and that it may be written on our hearts and go with us into the world. Amen.

Scripture Readings

I Samuel 3:1-10 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. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the 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. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and

Jesus says he knows Nathanael because he saw him "under the fig tree?" What does this mean? Where might Jesus see us without our knowing, but makes him know us?

said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The 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." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The 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. ⁹Therefore 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. ¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Hymn *O God of Earth and Space*
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