

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*
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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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