

them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”¹⁰ So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹ He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; ¹² and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³ He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴ He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵ He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. ¹⁶ He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle[b] and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷ He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸ And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

Israel's Request for a King Granted

¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No!

but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰ so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

Mark 3:20-35

Please see insert.

Sermon Rev. Jacquelyn Pinkowski

Responding in Faith

Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from The Confession of 1967
God's love never changes. Against all who oppose him, God expresses his love in wrath. In the same love, God took on Godself judgment and shameful death in Jesus Christ, to bring people to repentance and new life.

The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music
+Response *Come, Thou Almighty King #139*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

Going into the World

+Hymn *Lift High the Cross #371*
+Charge and Benediction
+Postlude

MISSION



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+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

L: On this day, we gather with thanksgiving in our hearts.

P: For God's love is ever constant in our lives.

L: On this day, we would talk of all that is ours.

P: Grace upon grace has been poured into our lives.

L: On this day, we would speak of what we believe.

P: We will sing glad songs for all that God has done.

+Opening Prayer

Let us pray: **When we are too weary to take another step on the road to the kingdom; when our hearts are worn down by the pain always rubbing against our lives; when we are wasting away because of fears and worries, you come, Soul Strengtheners, stretching out your hand to hold us in your love. When everyone else has turned their backs on us and walked away; when we cry**

out in the night only to find the world has turned a deaf ear to us; when folks think we are crazy because we believe that good can overcome evil, love can conquer hate, hope can replace despair, you do not forsake us, but stay at our side, Brother to all people. When our doubts rub a callous on our souls; when we wonder if we are able to see your kingdom emerging all around us; when others seem to want only the worst for us, you pull us out of harm's way, Spirit of faith and hope. Grace upon grace are the gifts we have received from you, God in Community, Holy in One, and we give you our thanks as we pray. Amen.

+Hymn *Angels from the Glory #22*

Call to Confession

We do not do what we want—that is, remain obedient to God—but we do the very things that are against God's commands. Yet if we admit our weakness God forgives and strengthens us to God's purpose. Let us pray together the prayer of

confession:

Prayer of Confession

Everybody else does it, Watching God, and we confess that we do as well. We listen to those whose promises are sold to the highest bidder. We idolize celebrities as if they were teachers of ethics. We long for that one person who will make everything right, once again, once and for all.

Is it any wonder we are a disappointed people, God of Hope? Forgive us for turning our backs on you, even as you continue to stretch out your arms to us. Forgive us for trusting in those who prove to be false, rather than having faith in your love. Forgive us, and fill us with the spirit of faith which is given to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Silence is kept.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Do not lose heart! God seeks to strengthen our souls, filling us with forgiveness, wonder, and joy!

P: Glory to you, God of mercy and grace. You want only the best for us, and so we sing praises to you. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen

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 *Day by Day* - Ahnfelt

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 8:4-20

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, 5 and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." 6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, 7 and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. 8 Just as they have done to me,[a] from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. 9 Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show