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RECOGNIZING GOD'S VOICE



Message by Rev. Sandra Cox

July 5, 2020 | 10am

Love

Welcome

Rev. Sandra Cox

Opening Prayer

Pastor Mike Markus

Contemporary Hymn

“Free to Be Me”

Francesca Battistelli

Loren Bridge, Song Leader

At fifteen years of age,
I'm still looking for a dream.
A war's already waged for my destiny.
But You've already won the battle
And You've got great plans for me.
Though I can't always see.

'Cause I got a couple dents in my fender,
Got a couple rips in my jeans.
Try to fit the pieces together,
But perfection is my enemy.
And on my own I'm so clumsy,
But on Your shoulders I can see
I'm free to be me.

When I was just a girl,
I thought I had it figured out.
See my life would turn out right,
And I'd make it here somehow.
But things don't always come that easy,

And sometimes I would doubt.

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And you're free to be you.

Sometimes I believe
That I can do anything,
Yet other times I think
I've got nothing good to bring.
But You look at my heart
And You tell me
That I've got all You seek,
Oh and it's easy to believe,
Even though,

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Seek

Scripture

1 Samuel 3: 1-21

3 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.

2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 3 the 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. 4 Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 5 and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. 6 The 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." 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8 The 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. 9 Therefore 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.

10 Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." 11 Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. 12 On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. 13 For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. 14 Therefore I swear to the

house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

15 Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. 16 But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." 17 Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." 18 So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

19 As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. 21 The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

Message

Nudge by Nudge

Serve

Response to the Word

We are invited to respond to what God is doing in our lives through prayer, action, and generosity. You can light a candle as part of that response—as a prayer or as a commitment of your faithfulness today. We also respond with our financial gifts. Your generosity helps us Love, Seek, and Serve faithfully during this time and always. As we listen to the music, our prayer is that your relationship with God strengthens.

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Brad Athey, violin

Wyeth/Robinson

Doxology

"O Bless the Gifts"

Jackson Thomas, song leader; Charles Dickinson, piano

O bless the gifts our hands have brought;

and bless the work our hearts have planned.

Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
the rest, O God, is in your hand.

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Love, Seek, Serve Moment

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Closing Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
Jackson Thomas, song leader

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- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
- 4 When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

Blessing and Sending Forth

St. Paul's Mission Statement:

***LOVE God and all others unconditionally;
SEEK answers to our questions;
SERVE God by serving others.***



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