

Orinda Community Church
An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Elizabeth Robinson, Senior Pastor

Order of Worship March 7, 2021 Third Sunday in Lent

Reflection: “The quieter the mind the louder the soul.” Matshona Dhliwayo

PRELUDE *Kyrie from Mass for Two Voices* Cécile Chaminade

One: God called out to Abraham to father the people of Israel.

All: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

One: God called out to Moses to lead the people to the promised land. **All: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.**

One: God called out to Samuel to speak for God to the people of Israel. **All: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.**

One: God called out to Martin Luther King to lead Americans to justice. **All: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.**

One: God calls out to us, seeking to be present in our life.

All: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. Amen.

HYMN *Here I Am Lord*

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Holy one, Our world is in disarray, with confusion, selfishness, sadness, fear, loneliness, and anger. Many of our customary sources of comfort and joy are not available to us in this time of pandemic, and we don't know what to do. In times like this we are reminded that our only true source of comfort and joy is you. You reach out to us constantly. Your presence is always available to us. Help us learn to get quiet so that we can hear your still, small voice sustaining us and guiding us. Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE PASSING OF THE PEACE

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Nancy Peterson

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. 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.

Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” 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. And the LORD called

again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose 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." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

SERMON

Listen! Do You Hear It?

Kurt Sunderbruch

ANNOUNCEMENTS, OFFERTORY INVITATION

SOLO

Trouble Done Come My Way

Florence Price

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, 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. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

SOLO

*23rd Psalm
arranged and performed by Bob Steiner*

Bobby McFerrin

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN BH 332

As We Gather at Your Table

The Sacred Harp, 1841

BENEDICTION