

Focus Statement: The story of Samuel and Eli illustrates not only God's calling to and through children, and the opportunity for adults to name that call and be receptive to the insights it offers. Can we help the youngest among us hear what God may be saying to them? Will we listen to hear the words God is speaking through them?

Encountering

Prelude

Gathering Song *This is the day* HWB 58

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Songs *Jesus, stand among us* HWB 25
 Open now thy gates of beauty HWB 19

Call to Worship *Psalm 100*

Shout for joy to God, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with Gladness!
Come into God's presence with joyful singing!
Know that Yahweh is God!

**Yahweh made us, and we belong to God;
We are God's people and the sheep of God's
pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving
and the courts with praise!

**We give thanks to God and bless God's name!
For Yahweh is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever
and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Prayer

Engaging

Singing *O come, loud anthems let us sing* HWB 68
 I was there to hear your morning cry STJ 89

Children's Time

Offering and Offertory

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Message "...to and through children?"

Empowering

Response Time

Congregational Prayer

Song *Our Father who art in heaven* HWB 228

Passing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

Sending Song *May the grace of Christ our Savior* HWB 423

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace. Amen

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Music Leader Ashley Unruh
Prelude Peggy Rupp Wysong
Scripture Reader Mike Sherrill
Children's Time Steve Shirk
Message Merle Hostetler



God's Faithfulness to All Generations

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