

## Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

<sup>2</sup> But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’”

<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

<sup>5</sup> Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” <sup>9</sup> Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” <sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

<sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

<sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

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**UMH (United Methodist Hymnal) FWS (Faith We Sing)**

**(\*\*Indicates for Congregation to stand if able)**

**Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Time of Reflection**

**Organist Patricia Mapel**

**\*\*Hymn#2087 (FWS)      *We Will Glorify the King of Kings*      (vs 1,2,4)**

**\*\*Call to Worship      Liturgist: Naomi Kvittem-Murray**

**L: Holy One, open our hearts to your comforting presence,**

**P: that we may bear your light into the world.**

**\*\*Hymn #128 (UMH)      *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*      (vs 1,2,3)**

**Children's Sermon**

**Stump the Pastor**

**Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer**

**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.

**\*\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hymn #474 (UMH)

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Message

*“Unlikely King “*

Pastor Carolyn Westlake

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offering - Please sign Pew Pad.**

**\*\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*\*Offertory Prayer**

Light of the World, our cup overflows with gratitude for all that you have given us. Accept the tokens we offer you today and use them for the healing of the world. Amen.

**\*\*Hymn #454 (UMH)**

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

**Benediction / Greeting/ Postlude**

**Prayer for Living Generously**

Gracious and Generous God, send your Holy Spirit to:

- Break through and renew and revive our churches, unleashing your gifts of radical hospitality, saving grace, and abundant life on a broken world.
- Empower our clergy and lay leadership to offer you, O God, all the gifts you have bestowed upon them.
- Boldly use me, without limits, delays or excuses to live generously and serve the full arrival of your reign on earth.
- Create in me a generous heart and a desire to live in your presence with ever-growing gratitude.

I pray in the name of Jesus whose love, mercy and justice know no bounds.  
Amen

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**Fellowship:** Please join us for fellowship time following the service downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. **Nursery:** Available for your use.