

SUNDAY WORSHIP
Sunday • Sept 28, 2025

Mission Statement: As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

— PASSING the PEACE & WELCOME —

CENTERING MUSIC *Sharon Novak*

CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from 1 Samuel, 2:35, Psalm 132:9
2 Chronicles 6:41, & Hebrews 2:17*

One: Yahweh said, I will raise up for myself
a faithful priest,

*People: Who shall do according to what is in my heart
and in my mind ...*

One: Now rise up, O Lord God,

*People: And go to your resting place, you and
the ark of your might.*

One: Let your priests, O Lord God,
be clothed with salvation.

People: And let your faithful rejoice in your goodness.

One: Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,

People: And let your faithful shout for joy.

One: Therefore Christ had to become like his brothers
and sisters in every respect,

*All: So that he might become a merciful and faithful
high priest in the service of God.*

***SONG #??** *Gather Us In* *Sharon Novak*

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

***SONG #464** *Take My Life
and Let It Be* *Sharon Novak*

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel

MESSAGE GOD'S PRIEST *Rev. Gail Doktor*

***SONG (INSERT)** *Here I Am, Lord* *Sharon Novak*

— OFFERING —

***SONG #44** *Doxology* *Sharon Novak*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Rev. Gail Doktor*

— CLOSING —

***BENEDICTION** *Sharon Novak*

May the love of God live in us today, may the love of God live in us today.

May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.

May the love of God live in us today.

May the peace of God be with us today,

May the peace of God be with us today.

May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways.

May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,

May the love of God shine through us today.

**Please rise if you're able*

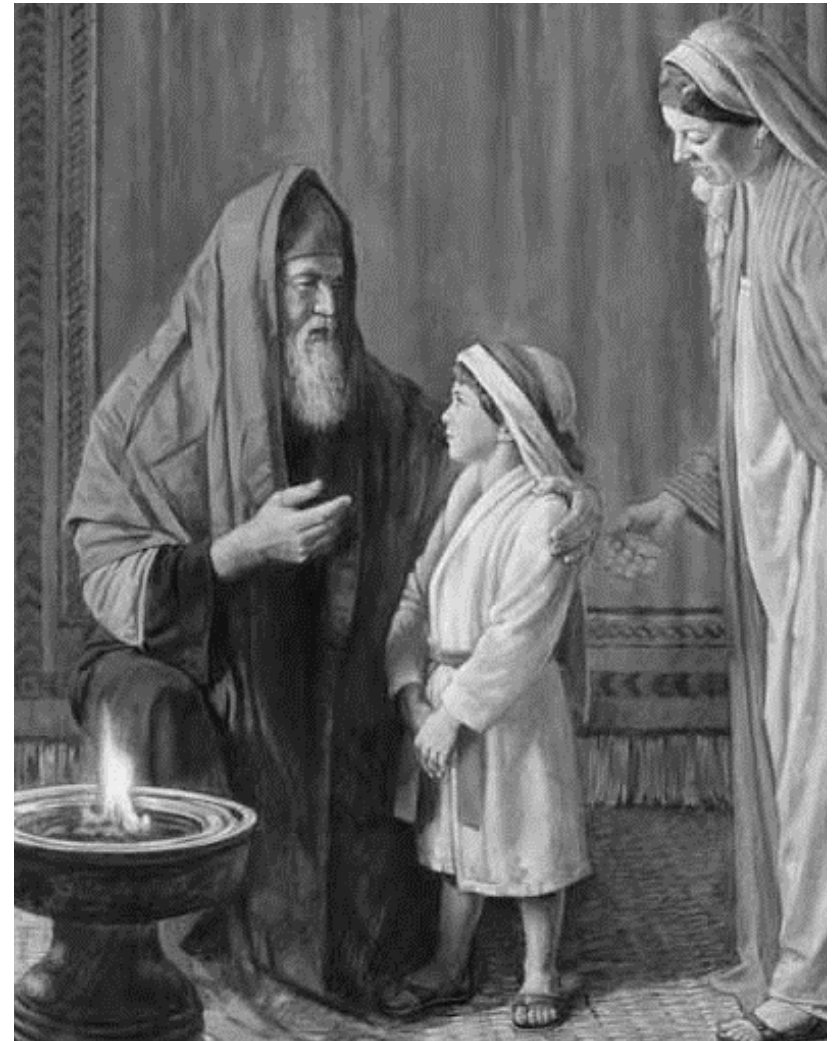
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PRAYERS:

For PEOPLE — *Focus this week:* Ann C., Bert & Cindy, Bob G., Cindi, David, Dave & Beth, Dawson W., Deb L., Irene, Jenn, Jess, Judy, Kailee, Karen, Laurie M., Larry, Linda, Mary, Nancy, Rob, Ruth, Sue C., Steve, Tom, Tyler, Val. For those who grieve.

Continuing: Alice, Annie, Arden, Barbara, Bilo, Bob, Bruce, Cal, Cameron, Carl, Corey, Dean, David, Dawson S., Deb W., Don, Ed, Emmie, George, Karen, Kevin, Jan, Jean, Jim H., Joe, Joan, John, John H., Joyce, Jonathan, Judy, Karen, Kim, Kathy, Ian, Laurie, Marcia, Matteo, Maureen, Mary, Meg, Michelle, Parker, Petros, Phaedra, Robert G., Sally, Sam, Sarah, Sascha, Spencer Elizabeth, Tom, Tony, Rob, Robert, Val, Wayne, Lori's niece & nephew.

For PLACES — For Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras. For hurting parts in the world, wounded by natural disasters or human-made causes and conflicts.



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1 Samuel 1 — ²²Hannah ... said to her husband, *“After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the Lord, and he will live there always.”*

²³ *“Do what seems best to you,”* her husband Elkanah told her.

²⁴ After he was weaned, she took the boy with her... and brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. ²⁵ When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, ²⁶ and she said to him, *“Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. ²⁷ I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked ... So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.”* And he worshiped the Lord there.

1 Samuel 2 — Hannah’s Prayer: Then Hannah prayed and said:

“My heart rejoices in the Lord; in the Lord my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance.”

² *“There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.”*

³ *“...for the Lord is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed. The bows of the warriors are broken, but those who stumbled are armed with strength. ⁵ Those who were full hire themselves out for food, but those who were hungry are hungry no more. She who was barren has borne seven children, but she who has had many sons pines away.”*

⁶ *“The Lord brings death and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and raises up. ⁷ The Lord sends poverty and wealth; he humbles and he exalts. ⁸ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor.”*

“For the foundations of the earth are the Lord’s; on them he has set the world. ⁹ He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness.”

“It is not by strength that one prevails; ¹⁰ those who oppose the Lord will be broken. The Most High will thunder from heaven; the Lord will judge the ends of the earth.

“He will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.”¹¹ Then ... boy ministered before the Lord under Eli the priest.

1 Samuel 3 —The Lord Calls Samuel: The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, *“Here I am.”*⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, *“Here I am; you called me.”*

But Eli said, *“I did not call; go back and lie down.”* So he went and lay down.

⁶ Again the Lord called, *“Samuel!”*

And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, *“Here I am; you called me.”*

“My son,” Eli said, *“I did not call; go back and lie down.”*⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ A third time the Lord called, *“Samuel!”*

And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, *“Here I am; you called me.”*

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, *“Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’”* So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, *“Samuel! Samuel!”*

Then Samuel said, *“Speak, for your servant is listening.”*

¹¹ And the Lord said to Samuel: *“See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle...”*

¹⁹ The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel’s words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the Lord. ²¹ The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word.

1 Samuel 4 — And Samuel’s word came to all Israel.