



**The First Presbyterian Church of Potsdam  
January 17, 2021  
Second Sunday in Epiphany**

**THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION**

“We are born of love; love is our mother.” - Rumi

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

\*Please join in and speak in unison all **bolded** parts.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We listen for the voice of God.

**Many: Can you hear it?**

One: Do our ears tingle from the message?

**Many: In the child Samuel, God called someone who did not yet even know God well enough to recognize the voice.**

**Many: Even still, Samuel was ready to listen when God called him by name.**

**All: Here we are, Lord, and we are listening for your call.**

**GATHERING PRAYER—**

**We are grateful, O God, that you keep track of us. We are thankful that you call us by name. You, who knit us together in our mother’s womb know us inside and out. We give you thanks for this deep caring of our beings, Creator. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

“Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us”

#44(see PDF)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**While you call to us repeatedly, O God, until we realize it is you summoning us, we often come to you with only half-awareness. Teach us to listen better. Help us to be as persistent children in perceiving your call. And once we understand your voice, give us the strength and courage to be as straightforward in responding to our call as the young boy Samuel was to his. Amen.**

**Assurance of Grace**

**Time with the Young and the Young at Heart**

**ANTHEM**

**SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Samuel 3:1-20 (NRSV)

**SERMON** with Rev. Katrina Hebb

**HYMN** "Here I Am Lord" #69 (see PDF)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR**

Ground of all being, Mother of Life,  
Father of the Universe,  
your name is sacred, beyond speaking.  
May we know your presence,  
may your longings be our longings in heart and in action.  
May there be food today for the human family  
and for the whole earth community.  
Forgive us the falseness of what we have done  
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.  
Do not forsake us in our times of conflict  
but lead us to new beginnings.  
For the light of life, the vitality of life  
and the glory of life are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #267 (see PDF)

**POSTLUDE**

Thank you very much for joining us in today's remote service.  
May God's health and peace find you in these uncertain times.

Worship Leader: Rev. Katrina Hebb  
Music Leader: Dr. Keilor Kastella  
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