

## “TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, January 15, 2018)

### Share:

The one who calls us together this day yearns for us and for all people to hear and be blessed.

Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world. Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Read these words from a hymn today:    *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

*Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.*

*As you have sought, so let me seek, your erring children, lost and lone.*

*O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.*

Read this scripture from worship:    1 Samuel 3:1-10 (*The Message*)

<sup>1-3</sup> The boy Samuel was serving GOD under Eli’s direction. This was at a time when the revelation of GOD was rarely heard or seen. One night, Eli was sound asleep (his eyesight was very bad—he could hardly see). It was well before dawn; the sanctuary lamp was still burning. Samuel was still in bed in the Temple of GOD, where the Chest of God rested.

<sup>4-5</sup> Then GOD called out, “Samuel, Samuel!”

Samuel answered, “Yes? I’m here.” Then he ran to Eli saying, “I heard you call. Here I am.”

Eli said, “I didn’t call you. Go back to bed.” And so he did.

<sup>6-7</sup> GOD called again, “Samuel, Samuel!”

Samuel got up and went to Eli, “I heard you call. Here I am.”

Again, Eli said, “Son, I didn’t call you. Go back to bed.” (This all happened before Samuel knew GOD for himself. It was before the revelation of GOD had been given to him personally.)

<sup>8-9</sup> GOD called again, “Samuel!”—the third time! Yet again Samuel got up and went to Eli, “Yes? I heard you call me. Here I am.”

That's when it dawned on Eli that GOD was calling the boy. So Eli directed Samuel, "Go back and lie down. If the voice calls again, say, 'Speak, GOD. I'm your servant, ready to listen.'" Samuel returned to his bed.

<sup>10</sup> Then GOD came and stood before him exactly as before, calling out, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Samuel answered, "Speak. I'm your servant, ready to listen."

### Talk together, responding to these questions:

- When does God speak to me? How?
- How well do I listen?
- Where, in what place, and through what person or persons do I hear the call of the Lord?
- Who has awakened in me a new prayer, a hope, and insight?

### Pray together:

As I rise this day, O God, I give you thanks for breath and life, for the people I will see today, for family, neighbors, and friends, and for those whose ways are challenging to my serenity. Help me to give thanks especially for the people who pull me to new understandings and show me sides of life that I have not known or do not welcome. Urge me to follow you today as I, one of your servants, listen. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Bless one another:

Take each person's hand and say. "God's grace is for you, God's love is upon you, God's call is within you. Be kind to yourself and others this week as a child of God."

Resources Used: *Glory to God*, The Presbyterian Hymnal  
*Feasting on the Word*, Year A, A Worship Companion