

# **ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2021

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where -or rather whom -we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and ... the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God. GATHERING The Holy Spirit **WELCOME** calls us together PRAYER as the people of God. PRELUDE "The Summons", Will you come and follow me? (Scottish traditional) WORD God speaks to us **PSALM 139** "Always Near" produced by The Work of the People in scripture reading, **GOSPEL** preaching, and John 1: 43 - 51 song In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see." <sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" 48Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." 49Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." 51And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and

the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

## **SERMON**



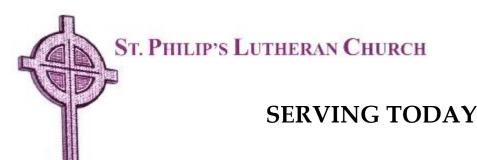
HYMN OF THE DAY



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	THANKSGIVING	
In everything Give Thanks. 1 Thessalonians 5:18	PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
	SHARING OF THE PEACE	
	OFFERING	
	SHARING of the PEACE	
	LORD'S PRAYER	
God blesses us	SENDING	
and sends us in mission to the world.	DISMISSAL	
	<b>POSTLUDE</b> <i>"This Little Light of Mine"</i>	arranged by K. Kobayashi
	SENDING	



The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek Chris Ritcey-Conrad Dave Pascoe Angelika Quinn Emily Savage St. Philip's Choir Pat Lovell Olivia and Hannah Holt Sarah Pascoe and Nathan No Fixed Address Pastor Music Director Videographer Reader Flautist Hymn of the Day Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer Sending Additional Music

#### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Gus Berndt, Rodney Erlandson, Mary Hanslep, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

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#### WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Add your name to the readers for worship services: contact Pastor Tuula.
- Tuesday Bible Study via Zoom @ 7:00 pm
- Participate in the Virtual Worship: play an instrument or sing, read the Gospel, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Please contact the office.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am on Sunday mornings.
- 50+ connecting in new ways in 2021! See weekly email.