

# Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

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## January 17th, 2021

*“Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ, will be an active family of faith in North Central Licking County, dedicated to building awareness of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through meaningful worship, diverse service, and genuine fellowship.” - Mission Statement*



“The really good news for humanity is that Jesus is now taking students in the master class of life.”

-Dallas Willard, Divine Conspiracy

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor  
Jackie Parrill, Moderator  
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor  
Congregation, Ministers All  
**Piano:** Janine Shipley





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**Ringling of the Bell**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*The Love of God*

**(arr. Parks)**

**Call to worship**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Old Testament Text**

**Psalm 139:1-6 (NRSV)**

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. <sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. <sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. <sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord!

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Old Testament Text**

**1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NRSV)**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

## Morning Prayers

*Candle Dedication: Happy Birthday to Ron Hall and Carol Hoar*

*Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: Dublin Community UCC, Dublin*

## Sharing of our Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

*I Love to Tell the Story/Jesus Loves Me*

**(arr. Parks)**

### Offertory Prayer

### Gospel Text

**John 1:43-51 (NRSV)**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip 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." <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And 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

*Eye Examination*

**Rev. Dr. William Nirote**

### Postlude

*Let There Be Peace*

**(Miller/Jackson)**

### Blessing

*We extend a warm welcome to  
Reverend Dr. William Nirote today.  
Thank you for sharing the Word with  
us in the absence of Pastor Scott*

## Announcements and Information

### January Worship Schedule

January 24—Worship streaming on Facebook Live and YouTube AND in-person in the Legg Center, with Cathy Bero playing, at 10:30 am.

January 31—Worship streaming on Facebook Live and YouTube at 8:30 with Laura Laughlin playing, and in-person at 10:30 in the Legg Center with recorded music.

### **Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ Prayer List**

#### **Prayer Concerns within our Family of Faith:**

Betty Nash Bob Tucker Dave Nash Tom Siegel Becky Wright Marcie Williams  
Donna Shipley Laurie Garno Jim Farmer Dick & Gayle Gibson Carol Hoar Mae and Fred  
Pound Lindsey Hoskinson Joy Smith Nancy Schmidt

#### **Prayers for Our Greater Church Family:** *(This list to start over every month)*

John Stout	Carol & Bill King
Sharon Mummey	Stewart Krulikowski & Family
Mark Frick	Theresa Gonda
Marsha King	Jesse Buchanan
Judy Schmoll	Christine Schmidt
Chrissy King	Doug Snyder and Family
	Jason Hover and Family



For all those who have been there on the front lines during this uncertain time and who will continue to be there through this pandemic.

Continued prayers for all the troops that protect and serve this country and prayers of comfort for their families as they wait for their safe return. Chase Lasko, Jared Grace, Nate Comer