

**October 17, 2021**

**Worship 9:30am**

**Faith Formation 10:50am**

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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

Carol Buller, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Jeff Shelly, worship leader

HYMN VT 722

*Help Us to Help Each Other*

*Due to Covid restrictions, please hum. Accompanist will play 4 times.*

**WE LISTEN AND LEARN**

MOMENT OF WONDER

Dave Schrag

SCRIPTURE/TEACHING

1 Samuel 3:1-21

Ruth Harder

ANTHEM

*How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord*

Green/Hopson

**WE RESPOND AND SHARE**

OFFERING

SHARING JOY

*We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time.*

SHARING CONCERNS

*As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.*

PRAYING TOGETHER

VT 603 *Still My Soul* Madeline Bollinger, soprano

*Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. They may be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary after the service.*

# WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

## POSTLUDE

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### CARING NOTES

- Gary Long's younger brother Greg passed away last week, succumbing to leukemia. A memorial will be held at Rainbow at a time yet to be determined.
- Fran Otto is requesting prayers for healing and support as her mother prepares for a transition to the next world. Due to age and health concerns, they will be providing comfort. Fran has become her advocate, interpreter and guider for the rest of the family.
- Sarah, daughter of Mark and Deanna Unruh, married David Johnston (the "t" is not a typo) on Saturday, October 16 in Lawrence.
- We would like to invite you to join us in celebrating the recent marriage of our children, Christian and Anna Hopkins Buller and to-be-married children, Erica Buller and Matilda Newton. We are hosting an informal, outdoor gathering today from 2-4:30 at the Sunflower shelter of Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park, Lenexa. Light refreshments and beverages will be served. Feel free to wear a mask. Enter the park at the light on 87th street (look for sculpture) opposite Acuff and follow the road past the Indian Trails pool west to the Sunflower shelter. - Stan and Carol Buller ([carolabuller@gmail.com](mailto:carolabuller@gmail.com))
- Pat Peters reports that her sister's husband, Joe Montgomery, passed away September 27. As Pat shares, there is much sadness and also relief.
- Please continue to pray for Becky Bartel, who is now at Advanced Health Care of Overland Park (4700 Indian Creek Parkway). Visiting hours are from 8 am- 8 pm. Two (vaccinated) people are allowed at a time. She appreciates all of the cards, visits, gifts, and love people have offered.

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## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

October 17 – Sunday (today)

- Worship Service and Livestream 9:30 AM
- Fellowship in the parking lot 10:30 AM
- Faith Formation Hour 10:50 AM
- Youth Brunch 10:50 AM
- FFB Meeting 12:00 PM
- Congregational Meeting via zoom, register through past email correspondences 4:00 PM

October 18 – Monday

- Bible Study 5:00 PM

October 19 - Tuesday

- Staff Meeting 12:00 PM

October 20 – Wednesday

- Women's Lunch on zoom 11:00 AM
- Choir Rehearsal 6:45 PM

October 21 – Thursday

- Peace and Social Justice Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

October 23 – Saturday

- Matthew J Lewis Jr estate sale 9:00-3:00 PM

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Sunday, Oct. 24th- Mentor lunch in the playground 12:00 PM
- Tuesday, Oct 26th- Comforter Blitz 10:00 am- 4:00 pm
- Sunday, Oct. 31st- Intergenerational Graveyard Fun, 11:45 am - 2:00 pm

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## FAITH FORMATION HOUR 10:50 AM

Adult class: Carmen Shelly will lead our next class starting Sunday, October 17th through Sunday, December 5th. [\*Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again\*](#) by Rachel Held Evans

Our author admits that she has fallen in and out of love with the Bible and its stories from her childhood. Those stories don't answer all of life's questions in the way she once believed they did. However, she wants us to love the Bible and its stories from an adult perspective - to set aside the childhood magic, embrace the complications and still find our truth.

While Rachel Held Evans counts biblical scholars as her mentors, she is a storyteller and literature lover. We will encounter everything from poetry to a screenplay in our journey through R.H.E.'s book, *Inspired*.

For more information on the book, the author and schedule of reading assignments, click [here](#). The book is available on Amazon.com. The Kindle version is \$9.99 and a paperback copy is \$13.49. If you have difficulty obtaining a book, contact Dale Graham ([dnlgraham@gmail.com](mailto:dnlgraham@gmail.com) or 913-721-3087) and he will get a copy for you.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

It takes the diverse gifts of the Rainbow community to support the ministry and mission of the Church. Each year we ask the Rainbow community to fill out the **Gifts Discernment Survey** to help connect congregants to the work of the church. Please take a couple of minutes to fill out the [survey!](#)



The **Rainbow Piecemakers** would like to assist the MCC comforter project which sends comforters to refugee camps. As you may have seen in prior news notes, they have amassed 800 comforters that need finished. We would like to do a Comforter Blitz - that is, spend a day with at least 4 frames constantly being used, knotting as many comforters as we can.

October 26, Tuesday, the Rainbow Piecemakers would like to invite anyone in the congregation, men, women, children, plus friends and neighbors to join us for our own Comforter Blitz. We will be prepared to teach anyone who comes, all you need is willingness to hold a needle and tie knots, no skill or experience needed! You can come for a couple minutes, an hour or however long, we will start at 10 and plan to finish around 4. We are hoping to get at least 20 knotted in that time period.

We will be following the Rainbow Covid Committee guidelines, which include vaccinated people only, masks, fans for air circulation in Fellowship Hall, brown bag lunch eaten outdoors. We will provide more specific guidelines the Sunday before.

**The Sharing Community in Rosedale History Committee (SCR)**, with approval from RMC Church Council, is very pleased to announce that it has contracted with Dorothy Nickel Friesen to research and write the history of SCR. In January of this year, the SCR Board approached Church Council to see if RMC would be willing to manage a history project that would be supported with funds provided by SCR. Additional information will be shared at the October 17 congregational meeting. Committee members are Peggy Coriell, Keith Jantz, Laura Schmidt, Karen Hostetler, chair, and Ruth Harder, staff.

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