



Emmanuel Newsletter
Sunday, January 17, 2021

Dear Friends,

The title for our Dialogue Sermon on the 17th is: *INTROSPECTION*. We begin with the Old Testament reading from 1 Samuel. It is the story of Samuel's call. As a child, he hears a voice call to him. He goes to his elder, Eli, thinking that Eli has spoken to him. Then Eli tells him that it is the Lord calling him. With this understanding he responds to the third call, "speak Lord, for your servant is listening."

God knows us from beginning to end. There are no thoughts that God does not know and understand. Psalm 139, vs 1 "*Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.*" It is perhaps the most difficult thing for us to realize. One of the reasons we struggle to listen to God is that our lives are too often filled with distractions. We need introspection, quiet, faithfulness and serenity.

Our readings this week invite us to peer into the depths of our hearts and recognize that God is there with all of our thoughts and desires. We are called not only to introspection-that is -to listen to our inner voice, but also to listen to God.

In John's gospel, Jesus calls Philip to follow him. Philip goes to tell Nathanael that he has found the Messiah. Nathanael rejects Philip's claims until Jesus proves that He knows all there is to know about him.

Are we listening? *INTROSPECTION* – It is God's gift – a tool towards true faithfulness and serenity.

Join us on Saturday, January 16th at 5:00 pm for our Zoom service.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Joyce Caggiano, PhD.



PRAYER LIST

We ask that you keep in your prayers the following persons: Merilee H; David C; and Paul B.

(If you, a loved one, or a friend are in need of prayers, please email the names to us at info@emmanuelwr.org. Only first names and last name initials will be used.)



NOTE: LIVE ZOOM SERVICE IS AT 5:00 PM this Saturday, January 16, 2021.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98025908823?pwd=UVJjTHRsa1FqcGEvb1h5VGhOK29nZz09>

Meeting ID: 980 2590 8823

Passcode: 283521

After 7:00 pm on Saturday, view the TAPED service anytime via our YouTube site:

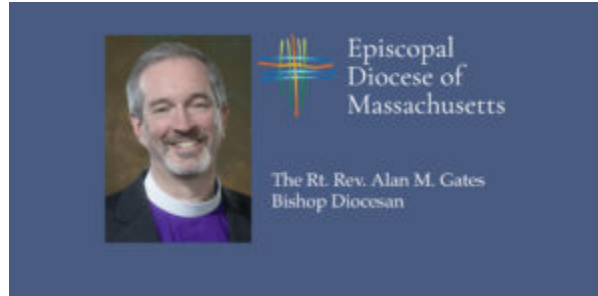
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEQm5KH2wGB_XbZ8h9jldhA

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Read/watch Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's remarks about the about the attack on the Capitol which took place January 6, 2021.

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/01/06/presiding-bishop-condemns-coup-attempt-at-us-capitol/>



Read/watch Bishop Alan Gates' remarks about the about the attack on the Capitol which took place January 6, 2021.

<https://www.diomass.org/news/reflections/word-bishop-gates-jan-9>



SINGING ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

We sing informally during our Virtual Coffee Hour following our live Saturday Zoom service. It is not recorded. We invite you to stick around for the fun after the service.

Among the hymns to be sung this week are: #693 Just as I am and # 133 O light of Light
