

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP

June 11-17, 2018

*Worship as encounter with the living God cannot be limited to one hour per week. "Weekday Worship" invites you to extend your worship beyond the sanctuary, to hear the story of the Bible as your story, lived out each day of each week. Feedback is appreciated and should be directed to Rita Boyer.*

### BIBLE READING

This week's reading is: 1 Samuel 15:34—16:13 (<http://bible.oremus.org/?q=389082319>).

Other readings are: Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6–10, (11–13), 14–17; Mark 4:26–34.

The theme is: God's Role for Me.

The people of Israel got the king they asked for when Saul was anointed; however, they were not pleased with Saul's leadership. God was not pleased either; and in this week's reading, God sends Samuel to find a new king. In the narrative that follows, we see how God chooses people for particular roles. Samuel is called to find and anoint the king of God's choice. Jesse is chosen to offer one of his sons as the future king, even though such an act is treasonous and could result in death. The elders are chosen to witness the anointing and thereby support his claim to kingship as legitimate. David's brothers are chosen to support David as king, even though social norms would have prevented the youngest brother from taking the throne. Finally, David is chosen to be the future ruler. Thus, a whole community of people are called to particular roles so that God's plan can be accomplished. It is a plan that defies cultural and social expectations and presents risks for those who agree to play their part in it. The Hebrew word *sama* appears in this passage. It means "to listen" or "to hear," but it also means "to obey." To answer the call of God, one must both listen and obey. When we do, we may find that we see things in new ways.

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

*"Questions to Consider" enable you to connect your story to the biblical story. Rather than easy questions to be answered at first glance, these questions or reflections can be returned to and meditated upon throughout the week.*

**God calls us to different roles at different times in our lives. Reflect on how and for what God has chosen you. How might you see yourself or the situation differently, knowing that God has chosen you?**

Continue to reflect upon the worship theme of June 10:

**Have you ever gotten what you wished for only to later regret it?**

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