Daily Morning Message

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Daily Lectionary Readings	Psalm 29 1 Samuel 16:1-13 1 Timothy 4:11-16
Today's Scripture Verse:	*Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. (1 Timothy 4:14)*
What it means:	This verse is, of course, intended as advice to a young minister, whose authority is in his internal gift, confirmed by the elders (presbyters) of the church. But it could apply to lay leaders as well. All of us should attend to the spiritual gifts we have from God, and lay leaders as well as clergy should seek to have their gifts confirmed by the congregation in which they serve.
Our time of prayer:	We pray, God, that we may discover the gifts you have given us for ministry, recognizing that each of us brings something of value to the Body of Christ. We all belong to the Body, and we share the blessings among us, each with gifts differing, bestowed by your grace.