

August 30, 2020

Before service speak silently to the Lord, during the service let the Lord speak powerfully to you.

## Service for the Worship of God



Our Mission is to be a  
community of disciples  
with a heart for God  
and hands to help others.

\* = All who are able please stand. ♦ **boldface** = congregation participates

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Jesus: Guide us today. Free us from whatever protections we have placed around ourselves to keep our lives and worship predictable. Enable us to encounter you in a new way. May your Spirit be in our midst and inspire us to love and serve others in Christ's name. Amen.

### GATHERING MUSIC

(9:00am) *Here I Am, Lord*  
*Go Down Moses*

arr. Rick Parks  
Spiritual

## Gathering in the Lord's Presence

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted liturgy today by Rev. MaryAnn R. Rennie)

Leader: This place for us is Holy Ground.

**People: The place where we give praise to the Lord, and repeat the stories of faith that inspire us to respond to Christ's love.**

Leader: God called us here, in whispering winds and in burning flames, and with the presence of the Holy Spirit, disarms us of the barriers we have placed around us.

**People: Instead God meets us in our vulnerability, our humanity. Let us worship the Lord.**

#### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Admitting Our Brokenness)

One: ... Let us pray:

**All: Redeeming God, out of the flames of your creation, your voice calls, marking us as your own. Yet there are times when we choose to ignore your voice, and listen instead to our own needs and desires and those that challenge our faith from within the world. Forgive us for those times; when we have ignored the needs of others; when we have failed to place our feet upon your path; when we allow the earthly voice to distract us from your call.**

~Silence~

One: Loving Lord,

**All: in your forgiveness you offer again your invitation to know your love, to be loved, and to respond to your call. In hearing your voice may we find our place within your creation. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Hear the Good News: Jesus Christ intercedes on our behalf and we have been forgiven.

**People: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; Amen!**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Hearing the Word*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

(9:00am) *Telemann fantasies in D flat major (movement 1)*

presented by Michael Miles

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 26:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering. <sup>2</sup> Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind. <sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you. <sup>4</sup> I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites; <sup>5</sup> I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked. <sup>6</sup> I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, <sup>7</sup> singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds. <sup>8</sup> O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides

**RESPONSE:**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 3:1-15

<sup>1</sup> Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup> Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup> So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and

bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." <sup>13</sup> But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

MESSAGE: *Burning Yet Flourishing*

## *Responding to the Word*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING

### ***THE LORD'S PRAYER***

## *Going Forth to Serve*

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

PARTING MUSIC

(9:00am) *The God of Abraham Praise*

17th Century Melody

### LEADING IN WORSHIP

Lauren Cochran, Pastor

Kern Family, Reader

Dylan Rehm, Chancel Choir & Handbell Director

Darlene Richards, Organ

Kurt Schweitz, Messenger Band Director

Matt Parker Wrzeszcz, Associate Pastor