

Lenten Series

Wednesdays

March 6 through April 10, 2019

- Soup Supper 5:15-6:15pm
- Worship 6:30pm



The Book of Exodus: Let My People Go!

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6th and so does our emphasis on Moses' book called Exodus. In it, Moses asks Pharaoh to let God's people go seven times (Exodus 5:1; 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3) and Pharaoh finally does it! When he does, God's salvation is so amazing that the event becomes the Gospel of the Old Testament. Israel's Scriptures mention the exodus 125 times!

Throughout the book of Exodus God reveals who he is through his absence and his presence, through his silence and his speech, through his wrath and his mercy, and through his judgment and his amazing grace. In doing so, the book paints a beautiful portrait of Jesus.

The Sunday Morning Bible Class will look at the exciting history and theology connected with the book of Exodus. *It will all be very practical and useful!*

There is also a Lenten devotional booklet. Be sure to get yours electronically or in print. Why not share one with a friend? Here's a sample of the devotions:

Every superhero movie has an uncommon hero. In the case of Batman it is the millionaire orphan Bruce Wayne, while Superman is the supposed farm kid from a small town.

Indiana Jones was a professor of archaeology. Moses is also an uncommon hero. He was a three-time loser. He takes matters into his own hands and murders an Egyptian. Next, he tries to cover it up by hiding the body in the sand. Hightailing it out of Egypt, finally, he ends up in the desert working for his father-in-law. Rather than being a hero, Moses ended up a zero. Rather than dining with heads of state, Moses counted the heads of sheep. So why did God pick Moses to lead Israel out of Egypt? Paul provides the answer: "God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong" (1 Cor 1:27).

Jesus is the most uncommon Hero of them all. Born in the backwater bungalow of Bethlehem and raised in the little out-of-the-way village of Nazareth, no one expected this carpenter to be the Savior of the world. He ended up with thorns for his crown, not silver and gold. Jesus experienced torment and torture, darkness and death. And he did it all for sinners like us. Common sense would say to give up. But Christ's mercy is the most uncommon love we will ever know!

"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst" (1 Tim 1:15). Thank you for this love, Father, in Jesus' name. Amen.