



**August 30, 2020**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

**The Prelude**

*Thank You, Lord*

Traditional

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**The Greeting**

**The Hymn No. 64**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

NICAEA

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

**The Prayer of Confession**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Surprising God, you have an uncomfortable habit

of showing up where we least expect you:  
in a burning bush, in the face of an enemy,  
in a livestock feed trough, on a rough wooden cross.

Turn our lives upside down with your radical love.

Help us fully embrace your surprises,  
even as we revel in the joy of being fully embraced  
by your all-encompassing grace and mercy.

We pray in the name of your most amazing surprise of all:  
your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Psalter page 828 with response

Psalm 105:1-11

[The first response will be sung by the choir and then by everyone. All other responses will be sung by everyone.]

### Response:

Is. 40:31a  
Don E. Saliers

They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,  
make known God's deeds among the peoples!
- 2 **Sing to the Lord, sing praises!**  
**Tell of all God's wonderful works!**
- 3 Glory in God's holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
- 4 **Seek the Lord and his strength;**  
**seek the Lord's presence continually!**
- 5 Remember the wonderful works God has done,  
the miracles and judgments God has uttered,
- 6 **O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,**  
**children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

### Response

- 7 The Lord is our God,  
whose judgments are in all the earth.
- 8 **The Lord is mindful of his everlasting covenant,**  
**of the word commanded for a thousand generations,**
- 9 the covenant made with Abraham,  
his promise sworn to Isaac,
- 10 and confirmed to Jacob as a statute,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying,
- 11 **"To you I will give the land of Canaan**  
**as your portion for an inheritance."**

### Response

## The Hymn No. 2180

### *Why Stand So Far Away, My God*

MORNING SONG

1. Why stand so far away, my God?  
Why hide in times of need?  
The proud, unbridled, chase the poor,  
and curse you in their greed.
2. Why do you hide when, full of lies,  
they murder and betray?  
They wait to pounce upon the weak  
as lions stalk their prey.
3. The weak are crushed and fall to earth;  
the wicked strut and preen.  
Why in these cruel, chaotic times  
cannot your face be seen?
4. In ages past you heard the voice  
of those the proud oppress.  
Remember those who suffer now,  
who cry in deep distress.
5. Arise, O God, and lift your hand;  
bring justice to the poor.  
Come, help us stop the flow of blood!  
Let terror reign no more!

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## The Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## The Sermon

*A Story to Live By*

Rev. Tim Gerde

## The Offertory Prayer

### The Offertory Solo

*Go Down, Moses*

Sam Cook, bass

Harry T. Burleigh

When Israel was in Egypt's lan'  
Let my people go,  
Oppress'd so hard they could not stand  
Let my people go.

*Go down, Moses,  
Way down in Egypt's lan',  
Tell ole Pharaoh,  
To let my people go.*

Thus saith the Lord, bold Moses said,  
Let my people go,  
If not I'll smite your firstborn dead,  
Let my people go.

*Refrain*

## The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**The Hymn No. 116***The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

1. The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of Everlasting Days,  
and God of love;  
Jehovah, great I AM!  
by earth and heaven confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name  
forever blest.
2. The great I AM has sworn;  
I on this oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,  
to heaven ascend.  
I shall behold God's face;  
I shall God's power adore,  
and sing the wonders of God's grace  
forevermore.
3. The heavenly land I see,  
with peace and plenty blest;  
a land of sacred liberty,  
and endless rest.  
There milk and honey flow,  
and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow  
with mercy crowned.
4. The God who reigns on high  
the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,  
"Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same,  
and evermore shall be:  
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM,  
we worship thee!"

**The Benediction****The Postlude***Postlude on MORNING SONG*

David N. Johnson

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*We thank these persons who participated in worship this morning.*

Coordinator of

Older Adult Ministries: Rev. Tim Gerde  
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Pianist: Lee Covington  
Vocalist: Sam Cook  
Video: Rachel Bates, Dan Corcoran

# Scripture

## Exodus 3:1-15

### Moses at the Burning Bush

3 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.”

### The Divine Name Revealed

<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.