



*13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
August 30, 2020

**Prelude**

*How Firm a Foundation, Martha Main, YouTube*

**We are Called to Worship** - Holy, holy, holy. Holy God is here. Holy, holy, holy. Love has called us here. Holy, holy, holy. We gather to worship our holy God.~

**Gathering Prayer** - Holy God, we come this day, into this sacred moment and this sacred space, wherever it might be, aware that your holiness is always around us. As Moses before us, when we turn aside from our daily tasks, and we listen for your holy voice, speak to us in holy mystery. Surround us with your wondrous love, that we might be wise enough to understand your call and be brave enough to follow your path. Amen.~

**Song 1**

*We Will Glorify, 337, YouTube*

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**A Time of Prayer:** *You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.*

**The Lord's Prayer** (unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Special Music

*There's Something About that Name*, Martha Main, YouTube

## Song 2

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*, 501, YouTube

## We Hear God's Word

Exodus 3:1-15 (NRSV)

<sup>3</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 for ever, and this my title for all generations.

## Meditation

*Gifted and Called*

## Spiritual Practice of the Week



Moses thought what God was calling him to do was impossible! Moses didn't see in himself what God saw. Just like Moses, you are gifted and called. Too often we find ourselves thinking about what we lack, as individuals and a church. It's easy to get caught in the habit of comparison. Make a list of all your many talents. Then consider ways that God can use your talents for our ministry at Zion. Remind yourself this week that you are gifted and called

## We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

### Offertory

You're invited to take out your checkbook in these moments. As you write out your offering, be prayerful with each letter and number. In times such as these, when money becomes tight and our economy is under strain, God invites us to be generous and give what we can. These are gifts we freely give, as we are able and as we are called.

We ask that you please mail in your offerings to our office.

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**\*The Doxology** (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)

*Version 1*

*Praise God from whom all blessings  
flow;*

*Praise him all creatures here below;*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host:*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Amen.*

*Version 2*

*Praise God from whom all blessings  
flow;*

*Praise God all creatures here below;*

*Praise God for all that love has done;*

*Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.*

*Amen.*

**\*We Give Thanks** – In gratitude for your amazing works in the world, we offer our gifts to further your work, Holy One. Bless us as you blessed Moses before us, that we may be a blessing of your holy work. Guide our steps, and bless the offerings we bring, that the world may be touched by your holy love. Amen.~

### **Song 3**

*We Are Called to Be God's People, 580, YouTube*

**We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing** - God sends us to serve. Let us answer: Here I am. God sends us to love: Let us answer: Here I am. God sends us to bless the world. Let us answer: Here I am. Go forth this day to love and serve the LORD. Amen.~

### **Postlude**

*Joyful, Joyful, Martha Main, YouTube*