



The 17th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Simple Gifts

Gathering—We are on holy ground. Come and experience God among us.

Gathering Song

Holy Ground, 654

A Time of Prayer—Great I Am, you approach us this day on this holy ground, in the sacred space of this sanctuary and in the comfort of our homes, as we worship you this day. How could we ever thank you fully for the gift of your presence? For all generations you have chosen to dwell among us, to persistently love us, to faithfully guide us...

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.

Bell Choir

Jubilation

Exploring God's Word for All Ages

For All Generations

We Hear God's Word—*Exodus 3:1-15 (NRSV)*

Vivian Thomas

3Moses 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. ²There 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. ³Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' ⁴When 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.' ⁵Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' ⁶He 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.

⁷ 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, ⁸and 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. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.’ ¹¹But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ ¹²He 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.’

13 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?’ ¹⁴God 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.” ’ ¹⁵God 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

For All Generations

Hymn

Here I Am, Lord, 559

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—May the gifts we bring this day be an expression of our thankfulness and praise. May they be a sign of our commitment to this ministry God has entrusted to us that it might continue to serve and enrich lives for generations to come.

September Benevolence—Horizon House

Doxology

We Give Thanks—God, we thank you for the faithfulness you have shown for all generations and thank you that your faithfulness continues. With gratitude we bring these gifts to you—the gifts of our resources and our lives—that they might be used to do your work in this world.

Hymn

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less, 405

Benediction—For all generations, God has been with us, calling out to us to work alongside God to accomplish God’s work in this world. Like Moses, let us say, “Here I am,” as we go forth to serve and enrich God’s beloved. Amen.

Postlude

Let’s Just Praise the Lord