

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 30, 2020



Burning Bush, Manuscript illumination, c. 1507
Walters Art Museum, Baltimore MD * see note on page

**Faith Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship**

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Prelude *Go Down Moses*

Richard Lloyd
(b. 1933)

Call to Worship

Susan Minor

One: God said to Moses: I am who I am.

All: God is known by many names; we lend our voices to the chorus of praise that stretches around the globe and throughout history.

One: God calls us to be who we were created to be:

All: Blessed and beloved children of God; known and loved just as we are.

One: Let us worship the great I Am.

All: Let us worship God together.

Hymn 49 The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

verses 1-2, 4, page 6

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, you come to us in surprising ways and unexpected places, but too often we ignore your voice. You send us a Spirit of courage, but we are afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions. You call us toward healing, but we hold on to past hurts. Come to us again, forgiving Spirit, and relieve us from the burdens we carry, that we might follow your leading with love. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

silent prayer

Kyrie 577 Lord, Have Mercy

KYRIE ELEISON

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Note: Lower voices may hum.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Assurance of Grace

Refrain, sung twice each time

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es; all our
 Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad-ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
 bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

prais - es; all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.
 ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

Fine

A Moment with Faith Kids Litany of Blessing for the new school year

All: Grant them quiet confidence and centering calm, empower them to bear up under stress, enable them to ask for help when they need it. Remind us all: we can do hard things!

One: We hold in our hearts our prayers, our fears, and our worries for the year.

All: We will bear them with each other.

One: We hold in our hearts our prayers, our hopes, and our dreams for the year.

All: We will dream them with each other. *the prayer continues...*

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading Psalm 105:1-6, 23-27

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham. And the Lord made his people very fruitful, and made them stronger than their foes, whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

He sent his servant Moses, and Aaron whom he had chosen. They performed his signs among them, and miracles in the land of Ham.

Music *The Ash Grove*

Wilbur Held
(1914-2015)

Old Testament Reading Exodus 3: 1-15

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

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

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?' 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." ' 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.

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Call

Rev. Goodrich

Hymn 406 *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

HOLY GROUND

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Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *God is a God*

arr. Wendall Whalum
(b. 1931)

Daniel Rich, *baritone*

Dedication of Self and Substance

Hymn 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE

verses 1, 4-5, page 7

Charge & Benediction

Postlude *Songs of Praise*

Herbert Chappell
(b. 1934)

Passing of the Peace

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Susan Minor, *Liturgist*
Daniel Rich, *Soloist*

Note: "The horns coming out of Moses' head was a common medieval and Renaissance depiction of Moses. It comes from a mistranslation of the Hebrew Bible describing Moses as having rays of light coming from his head, but this was translated as "horns" (apparently the words are close). Of course, there's also an anti-Semitic bent to this mistranslation."

~ **Karen French**, Senior conservator of paintings, Walters Art Gallery

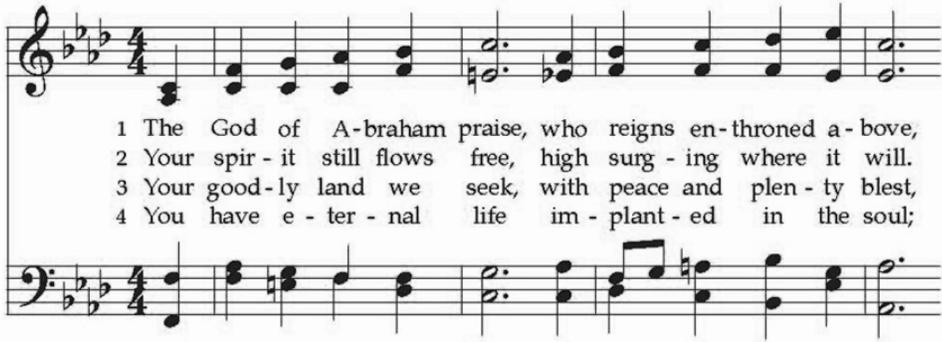
GATHERING

406 We Are Standing on Holy Ground

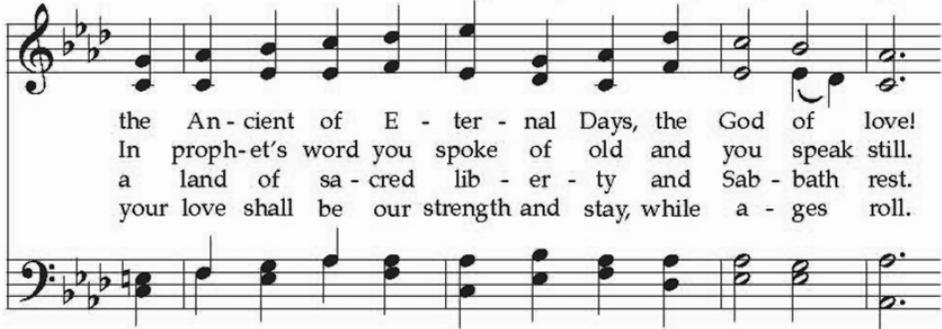
Holy Ground

We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground,
and I know that there are an - gels all a -
round; let us praise Je - sus
now; we are stand - ing in his
pres - ence on ho - ly ground.

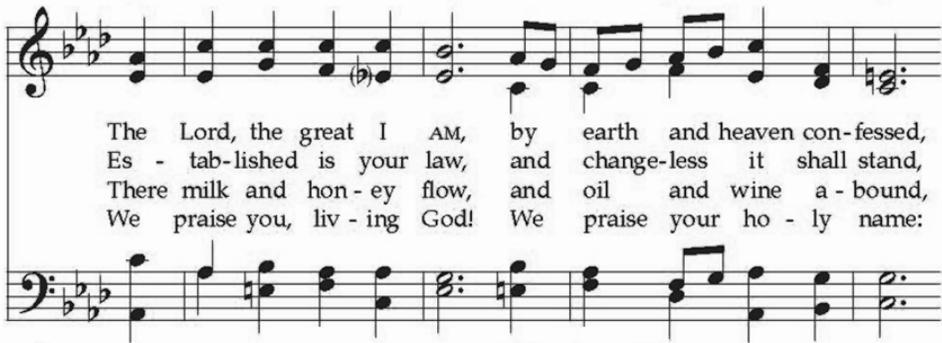
49 The God of Abraham Praise



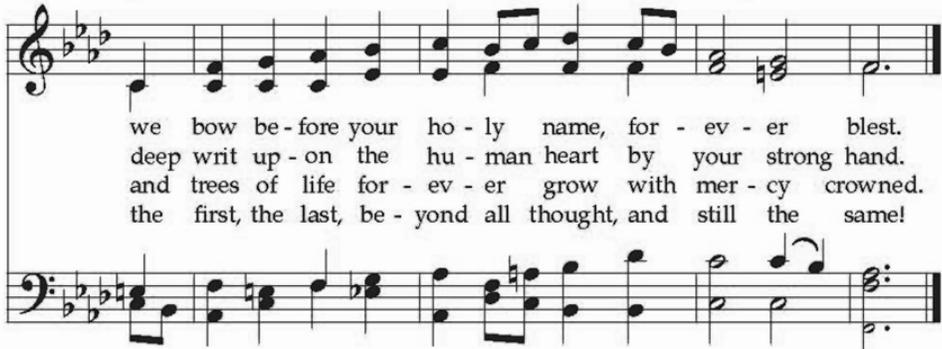
1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a-bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good-ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

verses 1, 4-5

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.