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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

We Gather in the Word

Call to Worship

Elenita Musgrove, Lay Reader

The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.
Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Gathering Song Here I Am To Worship*

*Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You.*

*Refrain: Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me!*

*King of all days, Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor (Refrain)*

**Prayer of the Day*

God of mystery and might, whose wonderful works are to be remembered. Move in our lives; change our minds; soften our hearts; and direct our feet, that we may follow you more faithfully. Yes, Lord, we seek to follow Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Scripture

Exodus 3:1-15

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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 Mount Horeb, the mountain of God.

² 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.

³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up."

⁴ 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."

⁵ Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

⁶ 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.

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,

⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.

¹⁰ Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.

¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

¹² 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 serve God on this mountain."

The Divine Name Revealed

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?"

¹⁴ 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.' "

¹⁵ 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.

Message

Holy Ground

Rev. Edward Dunn

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

**Sending Song Everlasting God*

*Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
we will wait upon the Lord, we wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
we will wait upon the Lord, we wait upon the Lord*

*Our God, You reign forever,
Our hope, our strong deliverer.*

*You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles*

Blessing

**Please stand as you are able*