

Order of Worship  
May 3, 2020

Welcome and Announcements (Laura)

Call to Worship (Russell Learned, Allyson Cotton, and Eliza Learned)

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (Laura)

Music: What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Tom McDermott)

Pastoral Prayer (Carleen)

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3: 1-14 (Haley Stevens)

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."<sup>[a]</sup> He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'"

Sermon: The Voice in the Flame: Imagination in the Time of Corona (Steve)

Lyrics: Take Me To the Alley, by Gregory Porter

Well, they guild their houses  
In preparation for the King  
And they line the sidewalks  
With every sort of shiny thing  
They will be surprised  
When they hear him say

Take me to the alley  
Take me to the afflicted ones  
Take me to the lonely ones  
That somehow lost their way

Let them hear me say  
I am your friend  
Come to my table  
Rest here in my garden  
You will have a pardon

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Take me to the lonely ones  
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You will have a pardon  
Take me to the alley

Take me to the afflicted ones  
Take me, take me, take me

Music: Sweetly Awakened (Tom McDermott)

Benediction (Steve)