



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

Piano Sonata No. 30, Op 109, 3rd movement theme

Ludwig van Beethoven

CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 4:4-7

Ron Skinner, liturgist

One: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

All: The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

One: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ.

HYMN

Go Down, Moses

This powerful African American spiritual is a reminder that God is always opposed to the enslavement and oppression of people. In the Moses story, God enlists willing, and sometimes unwilling, human beings to go into situations of human suffering to lead people out, reminding us today of the Church and our mission to the world.

**When Israel was in Egypt's land; let my people go,
oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.**

**Refrain: Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land.
Tell old Pharaoh, let my people go.**

**No more shall they in bondage toil, let my people go,
Let them come out with Egypt's spoil, let my people go. Refrain**

**The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go,
To lead the Hebrew children through, let my people go.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy, we confess that we set our minds on our own agendas rather than consider the world from your perspective. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. We make excuses when you call us to serve you and further your kingdom. We lack confidence and courage in our ability to be your servants in the world. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you. Hear now our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus took up his cross for our salvation. In return for our old life of sin, he promises a new life of grace. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Wade in the Water
Peggy Vaughan, Soprano

Traditional Spiritual

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-17

SERMON

"Journey to Freedom: Here I Am, Lord"

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

SPECIAL MUSIC

Well-Tempered Clavier Book 1, Prelude No 6 in D minor (BWV 851)

J. S. Bach

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE AND OUR 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.

HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain.

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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the Love of the Lord

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May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.

May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.

May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

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