

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Prelude, Fugue & Chaconne

(Composer: Dietrich Buxtehude)

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Opening Hymn

Within the Shelter of the Lord #459

Responsive Reading Selections from Psalm 91

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him.

For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease.

He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection.

Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day. Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday.

Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you.

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble.

All: I will rescue and honor them. I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We confess, O God, that we are enslaved to our own freedom. We think of ourselves as liberated men and women, but in reality, we are held back by other constraints. We boast of our independence from the authority of custom and tradition but discover different powers that control us. We like to hide from life in some neutral corner that doesn't exist and then wonder why we feel so unfulfilled in life. Forgive us for denying that we are always in bondage to the idols we serve daily. Set us free from a self-centered life to a life of service with Christ at the very center. Help us to embrace the freedom you give to each of us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response

Glory be to the Father

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Passing the Peace

Joining in God's

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Anthem

At the River

(Composer: A. Copland)

Scripture Readings

Galatians 5:1 and Exodus 1:1-2:10

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Set Free

Set Free: A Study of the Book of Exodus

Musical Reflection

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

(Composer: Scottish/Brunner)

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

For Freedom Christ Has Set Us #679

Free

Benediction

Postlude

Ye Watchers & Ye Holy Ones

(Composer: Wilbur Held)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon

Announcements & Liturgy

Worship Leader (9:30)

Praise Music

Director of Music (11:00)

Joining in God's Mission

Scripture Reader

Organist (11:00)

Rev. Spencer Lundgaard

Greg Buell

Luke Stoner

Village Church Worship Band

Logan Henke

Brandon and Emily Ferriman

Andrea Giannini (9:30)

Ron Mantegna (11:00)

Sharon Peterson

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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Questions for Discussion

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Raise a Hallelujah

O Come to the Altar

Prayer of Confession

Come Thou Fount

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Set Free
*Set Free: A Study of the Book of
Exodus*

Closing Song

Living Hope

Blessing

Opening Discussion:

In what ways today, both literally and figuratively, might people find themselves in bondage? What does it mean to be free in a physical sense? In an emotional sense? In a spiritual sense?

Read: Exodus 1:1 – 2:10

Digging Deeper:

1. Why did the Israelites move into Egypt where Joseph was living, and what was their life like initially? Why did their circumstances change (See v. 1:8-10)
2. In verses 1:11-22 what tactics did Pharaoh use to try to control the Israelites? Why did he feel the need to do this?
3. How did the mid-wives respond to Pharaoh's order? Why did they do this? When do you think it is acceptable to disobey civic authorities?
4. What did Moses' mother do to protect him from death after he was born? (See 2:1-3) Why is it significant that she coated the basket with tar and pitch?
5. What happened to Moses after he was left in the Nile? How did his sister contribute to his welfare? (See 2:4-8)
6. How do you think Moses' mother reacted when she found out that she was able to continue caring for her own son? (See 2:10)

Application for Life

1. God was clearly at work protecting Moses as a baby so that he might be used for God's purposes later in life. Looking back on your life, are there moments where you think that God was "guiding your steps" even when you didn't realize it at the time? In what ways might God have been directing things for you to be where you are today in life?
2. Is there a situation in your life where you feel burdened or oppressed (by others or a circumstance), or where you do not feel free? In what way did others impose the situation on you? To what degree did you bring this situation on yourself?
3. When you think about the meaning of Moses' name (See v. 2:10), how does it make you feel? What might Moses' name tell us about God? Where in your own life, might the reminder about Moses being drawn from the water give you hope in a current struggle or difficulty?
4. Pray that you might experience complete freedom in your life through your walk with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

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