



**October 3, 2021**  
**Communion Sunday**

# Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

## Scripture for Meditation

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. (Ephesians 4:1 NLT)

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you.**

## Praise and Prayer

### Alive & Breathing

CCLI #7138680 | Elle Limebear and Matt Maher  
2019 Be Essential Songs (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)

### Great Are You Lord

CCLI #6460220 | Leslie Jordan and David Leonard  
2012 Open Hands Music, Integrity's Praise! Music, and Integrity's Alleluia! Music

## Prayer of Confession

## Announcements

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## Minute for Mission

## 2022 Stewardship Campaign

## Scripture Reading

### Exodus 3:1-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

## Courage to Follow God's Call

## Song of Dedication

### Christ Be Magnified

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## The Lord's Supper

## **Invitation to the Table**

## **Words of Institution**

## **Communion of the People**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

### **Closing Song**

### **Lord, Do What You Want To**

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### **Blessing**

### **Postlude**

# Traditional Service - 11:00 am

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## Prelude

### A Mighty Fortress is Our God

(Paul Manz)

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

## Opening Hymn

### Here I Am, Lord

#869

## Responsive Psalm

### Psalm 25:1-12

In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame,  
but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.**

Show me your ways, LORD,  
teach me your paths.

**Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
For you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.**

Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,  
for they are from of old.

**Do not remember the sins of my youth  
and my rebellious ways;**

According to your love remember me,  
for you, LORD, are good.

**Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.**

He guides the humble in what is right  
and teaches them his way.

**All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful  
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.**

For the sake of your name, LORD, forgive my iniquity,  
though it is great.

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer ...

*(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)*

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Who, then, are those who fear the LORD? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose. They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land. The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke of this covenant, the covenant made possible through the death and resurrection of Jesus, when he said:

"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah ... This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## Response

## Glory Be to the Father

#961

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.

## Anthem

## River in Judea

*(Linda Marcus & Jack Feldman/arr. John Leavitt)*

Often times I dream of music, of the river that freely flows. And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one ev'rybody knows. Late at night I hear it singing then again when I wake at dawn. And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, the will to go on. I believe it keeps on trav'lin' but it rests on the Sabbath day. And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray. When I'm weary and downhearted, how I long for the song it sings, For the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings. May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river shore. 'Til then dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more: There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago. And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know. Hallelujah!

**Minute for Mission**

**2022 Stewardship Campaign**

**Scripture Reading**                      **Exodus 3:1-15**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**                                      **Courage to Follow God's Call**

**Offertory**                                      **Jesus Sinners Will Receive**

(Kevin J. Sadowski)

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**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.

**The Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

**Communion Response**      **I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

(Thomas Canning)

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the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**Closing Hymn**

**For Such A Time As This**

**#867**

**Benediction**

## Postlude

## Gigue Fugue (Dietrich Buxtehude)

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Welcome & Communion  
Sermon  
Worship Leader/Liturgist  
Minute for Ministry  
Scripture Reader  
Worship Band (9:30)

Pianist (9:30)  
Director of Music  
Organist/Pianist (11:00)  
Anthem  
Audio/Visual Team

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard  
Rev. Greg Buell  
Luke Stoner, Pastoral Intern  
Roger Smith  
Mimi Peifer  
Carl Tobias (electric guitar); Christine Cheung (synthesizer)  
Matt Parks and Deb Valkenaar (vocals)  
Jim Peterson  
Ruth G. Heald  
Sharon Peterson  
Village Church Choir  
Ed Burton, Keira Burton

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# Reflection Questions

## Opening Discussion:

- Where do you hear God speaking to you the most?
- What does it mean to have a calling?

## Digging Deeper:

- Read Exodus 3:1-15.
- What was Moses doing on the day he saw the burning bush? What was his first reaction?
- What does God first say to Moses? How does Moses respond? What makes a place “Holy Ground?” (see verses 4-6)
- Looking at verses 7-9, what verbs are associated with God? What does this say about God’s character?
- Out of his compassion for the Israelites, what is God’s solution to rescue them? (See verse 10)
- How does Moses react to God’s plan? And how does God respond to Moses? (Verses 11 and 12)
- The LORD identifies himself for Moses in two different ways (verses 14, 15). What do these names reveal about God?

## Life Application:

- What are the ordinary places in your everyday life? What turns those ordinary places into holy ground? How often do you sense God calling you in those places?
- What can you do to notice God’s activity around you more regularly?
- How was Moses’ calling related to God’s compassion? What might this indicate about your calling in life?
- What can you do to notice the needs of others around you more regularly?
- What is your sense of God’s call on your life? What steps can you take to better discern or fulfill your calling?

## Suggestions for Prayer:

- Pray for a greater awareness of God’s presence in your everyday life and ask the LORD to speak clearly to you.
- Pray for a clearer sense of call as you discern the needs of others, as well as God’s activity in the world around you.