



**“But who do
you say
that I am?”**

Matthew 16:15, NRSV

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Pre-Service Praise Singing

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Hymnal #574

We Are the Church

Hymnal #550

Announcements

Prelude

Linda C. Wolfe

Fanfare on "Rise Up, O Church of God"

by W. H. Walter, arr. by T. C. McKibben

Invocation

Pastor Jerry

Call to Worship

Psalm 124

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.

**C: We belong to God. When we feel overwhelmed,
God is on our side.**

L: When we are afraid, God will keep us safe.

**C: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.**

L: Blessed be the Lord!

Opening Hymn

"Go Down, Moses"

Hymnal #618

1. When Israel was in Egypt's land, Let my people go;
oppressed so hard they could not stand, Let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land.
Tell ol' Pharaoh, to let my people go.
2. The Lord told Moses what to do, Let my people go;
to lead the Hebrew children through, Let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land,
Tell ol' Pharaoh, to let my people go.
3. They journeyed on at his command, Let my people go:
and came at length to Canaan land, Let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land,
Tell ol' Pharaoh, to let my people go.

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4. Oh, let us all from bondage flee, Let my people go;
and let us all in Christ be free, Let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land,
Tell ol' Pharaoh, to let my people go.

Faith Sharing with Children

"God Saves a Special Baby"

God had a plan to save a special baby boy named Moses, who would later grow up to be a great leader of his people. There was nothing baby Moses could have done to save himself, only God could make it possible for Moses to live. Pray after me:

When we are in danger, God, . . . keep us safe from harm . . . like you kept baby Moses safe. . . We thank you for protecting us. . . In Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to Confession

Pastor Jerry

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Confident in this ever-gracious, never-failing help, we come before the Lord, confessing our sin and seeking forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, wash away the injuries we have inflicted upon one another. When we have made lives bitter through word or deed, give us your mercy. When we have ignored the plight of others through ignorance, reclaim us in your grace. Restore us to your path of love and compassion, so that we may bathe in the waters of your compassion and love. *Silent prayer or meditation.*

Assurance of Pardon (Ps 124)

Pastor Jerry

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, we would now be lost in sin. But it is the Lord who is on our side. And so we are forgiven. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God.**

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Congregational Response

“Rock of Ages”

Hymnal #384

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hid myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
save from wrath and make me pure.

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Jerry

Holy and living God, you promise that our minds, so easily molded in the ways of our world, can be transformed in your grace. Open our imaginations, our hearts, and our wills, so that we may be made new as beloved members of your Church. Amen.

O.T. Reading

Exodus 2:1-10 ^{NRSV}

- 1 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.
- 2 The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months.
- 3 When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.
- 4 His sister stood a distance, to see what would happen to him.
- 5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river.

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She saw the basket among the reeds
and sent her maid to bring it.

6 When she opened it, she saw the child.
He was crying, and she took pity on him.
"This must be one of the Hebrews' children."

7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter,
"Shall I go and get you a nurse
from the Hebrew women
to nurse the child for you?"

8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes."
So the girl went and called the child's mother.

9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her,
"Take this child and nurse it for me,
and I will give you your wages."
So the woman took the child and nursed it.

10 When the child grew up,
she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter,
and she took him as her son.
She named him Moses,
"because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 16:13-20 ^{NRSV}

13 Now when Jesus came
into the district of Caesarea Philippi,
he asked his disciples.
"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist,
but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah
or one of the prophets."

15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered,

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"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

- 17 And Jesus answered him,
"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!
For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you,
but my Father in heaven.
- 18 And I tell you, you are Peter,
and on this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.
- 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,
and whatever you bind on earth
will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth
will be loosed in heaven."
- 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples
not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"What's In a Name"

Pastor Jerry

Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

We believe that God brings justice to the oppressed
and gives bread to the hungry.

We believe that God frees the prisoner
and restores sight to the blind.

We believe that God supports the downtrodden,
protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows,
and blocks the path of the ungodly. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

"They Did Not Build in Vain," vss. 1-4

Hymnal #542

1. They did not build in vain who founded here a church
as witness to God's love amid a world of pain,

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for still, to those who wish to see,
this place proclaims God's mystery.

2. They build upon the rock that is the risen Lord,
the one foundation laid which stands each earthly shock.
That, Spirit filled, we here might raise, as living temples,
prayer and praise.
3. Those who have loved this place, a cloud of witnesses,
surround and urge us on as we now run our race.
And so we lay aside each sin in our desire
to strive and win.
4. Though the horizon's bend conceals the way ahead,
the footprints on the road show Christ waits at the end.
In him alone our faith shall stand who waits for us
at God's right hand.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jerry

The Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering

Pastor Jerry

Offertory

Rock of Ages by T. Hastings, arr. by D. J. Krieger

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Gracious God, in a season of great upheaval and
uncertainty, may the giving of our resources and the
sharing of our lives bring hope, comfort and relief to
those most in need of good news. In Christ's name
we pray. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

"Go With Us, Lord" (twice through)

Hymnal #747

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,

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that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.

Repeat.

Benediction

Pastor Jerry

COMMUNITY NEWS

Outdoor Worship to Continue

Session has authorized worship outdoors for every Sunday, weather permitting, through September 27. Thanks for your enthusiastic participation.

Manse Work Needs Donations to Continue

Some of the jobs that need to be done on the manse require more funding. This includes professional refinishing of the hardwood floors. Other task on the work schedule:

ELECTRIC WORK: An electrician is scheduled to give us a quote regarding 4 bedroom ceiling lights, 2 bathroom fans, LED lights in Master closet and kitchen.

WALLS: Paint remaining walls after windows are installed.

INTERIOR DOORS & TRIM: Prepare for painting and paint.

Please consider a special gift for the Manse Renovation.