



Called by God – Moses and the burning bush

Sept 17, 2023

OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

The chime is rung as a call to set aside distractions to find rest in God, whose love invites and welcomes us here.

Prelude

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness;

Come into God's presence with a song.

ALL: ALLELUIA (sung – VT 66)

Know that the Lord is God,

Our maker to whom we belong;

we are God's people

and the sheep of God's pasture.

ALL: ALLELUIA (sung -VT 66)

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving

and the courts with praise;

Give thanks and bless

God's holy name.

ALL: ALLELUIA (sung – VT 66)

Good indeed is the Lord,

whose steadfast love is everlasting,

Whose faithfulness endures

from age to age.

ALL: ALLELUIA (sung – VT 66)

HYMN *God is Here Among Us* VT 62
Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

TELLING GOD'S STORY

HYMN *I Love to Tell the Story* VT 761

Scripture Reading *Exodus 1:8-14; 3:1-15*

Children's Time – Bible Dedication

HYMN *Here I Am, Lord* VT 545

Meditations

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Generosity Moment:

Sunday School Teachers/Facilitators Blessing

Announcements

LIVING GODS' STORY

HYMN *The Lord Lift You Up* VT 832

Benediction

Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery Attendant: No one specifically on duty this week, please feel free to use the Nursery space at any time. We just ask that children are not left unattended. And, children are welcome in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided.

*Bulletin photo: Schumacher, Joe. Burning Bush, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55954>

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^Generosity Moment Blessing: adapted from VT 965

Welcome!

We are so glad you all are here!!

The Christ Candle and Peace Lamp are lit each Sunday as a visible sign of our trust in God's presence-with-us, and our commitment to allow the peace of Christ to grow and rule in our hearts, minds and lives.

Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

You can also now donate electronically on our website.

Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!

Sound: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Jay Gehring
Ushers: Don Wiens & Russell Goering
Pianist: Shelley Kauffman
Worship Leader and Children's Time: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger
Scripture Readers: Joanna Wenger, Tonya Ramer Wenger
Meditations: Micah Wenger, Diane Ziemer, Eldon Wagler (written)
Song Leader: Jonathan Wenger
Generosity Moment: Cheryl Warkentin (Faith Formation Coordination Team)

TODAY: Fellowship Time after worship & Sunday School @ 11:00

Sunday School classes for all ages

- **CHILDREN (all ages + nursery care):** *Becoming A People of God*
- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**, using Salt & Light curriculum from Menno Media. This class is facilitated by Calvin Buller and Marlene Thode. LOCATION: basement classroom next to water fountains.
- **ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS**, meeting in the basement fellowship hall (and on Zoom!) This group is using a 6-week video based spiritual formation resource from Renovaré: **"From the Inside Out."** Pastor Jim and Pastor Tonya will be facilitating this class.
- **YOUNGER ADULTS CLASS** will resume. For more details, talk with Maggie or Adam Pounds.

Youth Fundraiser Hamburger Fry – Sunday, September 17

Plan to stay for lunch after Sunday School and enjoy burgers with vegetarian and GF options, raising funds for youth events/projects.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- September 23 – FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen
- October 1 – Crop Hunger Walk 2:00pm. Checks to CWS/CROP.
- October 7 – Mennonite Friendship Communities Auction
- October 14 – Bethel College Fall Fest
- October 29 – FMC's Budget Meeting
- December 3 – FMC'S Annual Meeting



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