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WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

GREETING – Psalm 118: 24

One: This is the day that the lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

GATHERING MUSIC THIS IS THE DAY #84

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Friends, this place for us in Holy ground. The place where we sing songs of praise to the Lord, tell the stories of faith, and offer our prayers.

**All: We gather together to worship the God of our fathers and mothers—
the God of Abraham and Sarah, of Miriam and Moses.**

One: Our God hears the cries of His people and comes to their aid.

All: God meets us on holy ground and calls us follow.

One: This is our God!

All: Let's worship together.

***HYMN The God of Abraham Praise #24 verses 1,2 & 4**

The God of Abraham praise, all the praises to God's name,
who was and is and is to be, for e'er the same!

The one eternal God, before what now appears;

the First, the Last: beyond all thought through timeless years!

God's spirit freely flows, high surging where it will;

God spoke of old in prophet's word; that word speaks still.

Established is God's law, and change-less it shall stand,
deep written on the human heart, in every land.

The God of Sarah praise, all praises to God's name,
who was and is and is to be, for e'er the same!

The one eternal God, before what now appears;

The first, the last: beyond all thought through timeless years!

*** UNISON PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

ALL: All: God, just as You called Moses so long ago, so You call each one of us to speak and act on Your behalf in our world today. Forgive us when we are hesitant to follow: when we question Your call or make excuses for our abilities; when we complain about our lack of time or hoard our resources. Give us courage to step out in faith, to follow where You lead without hesitation or fear, trusting that Your presence goes with us, and that You will provide what we need. Amen.

**ALL: 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S STILL SPEAKING VOICE

SCRIPTURE Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17 The Message

Many years later the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery and cried out. Their cries for relief from their hard labor ascended to God: God listened to their groanings.

God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

God saw what was going on with Israel.

God understood.

Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. He led the flock to the west end of the wilderness and came to the mountain of God, Horeb. The angel of God appeared to him in flames of fire blazing out of the middle of a bush. He looked. The bush was blazing away but it didn't burn up.

Moses said, "What's going on here? I can't believe this! Amazing! Why doesn't the bush burn up?"

God saw that he had stopped to look. God called to him from out of the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

He said, "Yes? I'm right here!"

God said, "Don't come any closer. Remove your sandals from your feet. You're standing on holy ground."

Then he said, "I am the God of your father: The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, afraid to look at God.

God said, "I've taken a good, long look at the affliction of my people in Egypt. I've heard their cries for deliverance from their slave masters; I know all about their pain. And now I have come down to help them, pry them loose from the grip of

Egypt, get them out of that country and bring them to a good land with wide-open spaces, a land lush with milk and honey, the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

“The Israelite cry for help has come to me, and I’ve seen for myself how cruelly they’re being treated by the Egyptians. It’s time for you to go back: I’m sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the People of Israel, out of Egypt.”

Moses answered God, “But why me? What makes you think that I could ever go to Pharaoh and lead the children of Israel out of Egypt?”

“I’ll be with you,” God said. “And this will be the proof that I am the one who sent you: When you have brought my people out of Egypt, you will worship God right here at this very mountain.”

Then Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the People of Israel and I tell them, ‘The God of your fathers sent me to you’; and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ What do I tell them?”

God said to Moses, “I-AM-WHO-I-AM. Tell the People of Israel, ‘I-AM sent me to you.’”

God continued with Moses: “This is what you’re to say to the Israelites: ‘God, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob sent me to you.’ This has always been my name, and this is how I always will be known.

Moses raised another objection to God: “Master, please, I don’t talk well. I’ve never been good with words, neither before nor after you spoke to me. I stutter and stammer.”

God said, “And who do you think made the human mouth? And who makes some mute, some deaf, some sighted, some blind? Isn’t it I, God? So, get going. I’ll be right there with you—with your mouth! I’ll be right there to teach you what to say.” He said, “Oh, Master, please! Send somebody else!”

God got angry with Moses: “Don’t you have a brother, Aaron the Levite? He’s good with words, I know he is. He speaks very well. In fact, at this very moment he’s on his way to meet you. When he sees you he’s going to be glad. You’ll speak to him and tell him what to say. I’ll be right there with you as you speak and with him as he speaks, teaching you step by step. He will speak to the people for you. He’ll act as your mouth, but you’ll decide what comes out of it. Now take this staff in your hand; you’ll use it to do the signs.”

One: God is still speaking

ALL: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE Moses Meets God

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN When Israel Was in Egypt's Land #572 verses 1-3

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's land,
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

"Thus spoke our God," bold Moses said, "Let my people go,
If not I'll smite your first born dead, Let my people go."
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

No more in bondage shall they toil, Let my people go.
Nor spill their blood on Egypt's soil, Let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

One: We are called to love God with our whole heart and mind and strength.

ALL: Called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

One: We bring before God our gifts, our talents, our praise and prayers as a sign of that love. Let us pray for God's blessings on all our offerings.

ALL: Loving God, accept all that we joyfully offer you this day. May we grow in faith and love that our whole lives might be a witness to your goodness. Amen

WE GATHER AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God most high.

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise

One: O Holy God, we do give you thanks. For at this table we join a great and wondrous story begun long, long ago with the birth of this planet and all its creatures. In those early days when human beings were getting to know you, you put a rainbow in the sky as a promise, a promise that you would never destroy the earth or its people. And every time we see a rainbow, we remember your promise.

One: This is a sign of your love.

All: And your love gets bigger and bigger.

Note: This response will be repeated throughout the communion prayer

The sharing of the grain and the grape

Prayer of Thanksgiving for communion

One: Let us give thanks to God in union with each other, with Christians everywhere, and with the poor and suffering neighbor, in whom we meet the living Christ.

**All: Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus:
for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die,
for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends,
for the glory of creation, and for the mission of justice you have
made our own. Give us the gifts of this Holy Communion:
oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies,
the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ #347**

Let all talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
(Refrain:) Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:
loaves abound! (repeat)

Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.
Refrain : Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:
loaves abound! (repeat)

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world full of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:
loaves abound! (repeat)

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

***COMMISSION**

One: As you go about your days, watch for God's presence in the ordinary things around you.

All: We will recognize our whole world as holy ground.

One: Listen for God's call in your life.

All: The one whose name is I AM will be with us.

One: We will leave this building, but we are always the church, the body of Christ.

ALL: We are the hands and feet of Jesus, carrying God's love and grace to the world.

***BENEDICTION**

***SUNG BENEDICTION**

Worship Resources:

Diane Strickland, Lakeview U.C., Calgary, Alta.

UCC Worship Ways

Rev. MaryAnn R. Rennie for the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday website.

Announcements:

GUILD TRIVIA AFTERNOON-FUN FOR ALL AGES

Date: Tuesday, October 5th TIME: 3:00 pm FELLOWSHIP HALL

THIS WILL BE MORE FUN IN THE AFTERNOON!

WE HOPE MORE MEMBERS CAN ATTEND WITH THIS NEW TIME CHANGE!

BRING A GUEST! Trivia, everyone loves trivia!

We welcome our own, Christine Macready as master of Ceremonies. Please join us for a fun and fact filled afternoon.

We will have a short business meeting first. All are welcome!

The Guild will continue to meet at 3 pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

EXCEPT in November when there is a conflict with election day, we will meet on
Wednesday November 3

Next Sunday, October 10th Scripture: Exodus 16:1-18

We will be participating in the **LANCASTER PRIDE FEST**. Sunday October 24 at Clipper Stadium. If you are willing to take a shift at our table, please speak with Kathy Jones.

Join us for Bible Study each Monday at 7pm by Zoom. We will discuss the scriptures for the following Sunday's sermon. The Zoom link will be emailed Monday morning.

Join us for our study of the book Reunion: A Bible Study for Churches Getting Back Together Our next meeting will be Sunday October 10 at 1:30pm

Today we will take our Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering. NIN is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the **Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM)**. Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Our next Arts & Crafts Night will be October 14th from 6-9pm. Bring your own craft or come to chat.

We have posted a wish list in the Narthex- Can you help with an item or more? Huge thank you to everyone who has already donated items!

Please consider helping with our worship. Ushers, Lay Readers, Sound/Video Volunteers are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Please contact Pastor Patty if you have any concerns or needs, or if you just need to talk. Phone: 570-506-0677, email: Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org

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