

PRELUDE

*Voluntary/ L. Boellmann
When Morning Gilds the Skies (Hymn 167)/ arr. J. Innes*

◇ A time of quiet preparation

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 98:1-5 (NIV)

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;

People: **His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**

Leader: The LORD has made his salvation known

People: **And revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

Leader: He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;

People: **All the ends of the earth
have seen the salvation of our God.**

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;

People: **Make music to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 382

God Himself Is with Us

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

II Peter 1:16-21 (NIV)

Leader: We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you
about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **But we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received
honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came
to him from the Majestic Glory, saying,**

Leader: “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

People: **We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when
we were with him on the sacred mountain.**

Leader: And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and
you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a
dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in
your hearts.

People: **Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture
came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. For
prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men
spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.**

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their
brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them
everything I command him. If anyone does not listen to my
words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call
him to account. Deut. 18:18-19 (NIV)

MISSION MOMENT

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WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1st grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD’S FACE

Prayers of God’s People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 6:28-7:24 (NIV)

^{6:28} Now when the LORD spoke to Moses in Egypt, ²⁹ he said to him,
“I am the LORD. Tell Pharaoh king of Egypt everything I tell you.”

³⁰ But Moses said to the LORD, “Since I speak with faltering lips, why
would Pharaoh listen to me?”

^{7:1} Then the LORD said to Moses, “See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet. ² You are to say everything I command you, and your brother Aaron is to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his country. ³ But I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and though I multiply my miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt, ⁴ he will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and with mighty acts of judgment I will bring out my divisions, my people the Israelites. ⁵ And the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out of it.”

⁶ Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD commanded them. ⁷ Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three when they spoke to Pharaoh.

⁸ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, ⁹ “When Pharaoh says to you, ‘Perform a miracle,’ then say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,’ and it will become a snake.”

¹⁰ So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. ¹¹ Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts: ¹² Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron’s staff swallowed up their staffs. ¹³ Yet Pharaoh’s heart became hard and he would not listen to them, just as the LORD had said.

¹⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Pharaoh’s heart is unyielding; he refuses to let the people go. ¹⁵ Go to Pharaoh in the morning as he goes out to the water. Wait on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that was changed into a snake. ¹⁶ Then say to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the desert. But until now you have not listened. ¹⁷ This is what the LORD says: By this you will know that I am the LORD: With the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will be changed into blood. ¹⁸ The fish in the Nile will die, and the river will stink; the Egyptians will not be able to drink its water.’ ”

¹⁹ The LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt—over the streams and canals, over the ponds and all the reservoirs’—and they will turn to blood. Blood will be everywhere in Egypt, even in the wooden buckets and stone jars.”

²⁰ Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD had commanded. He raised his staff in the presence of Pharaoh and his officials and struck the water of the Nile, and all the water was changed into blood. ²¹ The fish in the Nile died,

and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not drink its water. Blood was everywhere in Egypt.

²² But the Egyptian magicians did the same things by their secret arts, and Pharaoh’s heart became hard; he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said. ²³ Instead, he turned and went into his palace, and did not take even this to heart. ²⁴ And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile to get drinking water, because they could not drink the water of the river.

SERMON

series in Exodus
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***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE 172

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

God is Our Refuge/ B. Price

SERMON NOTES: