

PRELUDE

Pastorale/ P. Hayes

◇ A time of quiet preparation

O God, Our Help in Ages Past/ arr. F. Swann

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

from Psalm 105 (NIV)

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.

People: **He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.**

Leader: Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, O descendants of Abraham his servant, O sons of Jacob, his chosen ones.

People: **Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 34 (vss. 1-3, Reader 4 & 5, congregation vs. 6)

The God of Abraham Praise

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

from Hebrews 2 & 3

Leader: But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

People: **Since *his* children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—**

Leader: And free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

People: **For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.**

Leader: Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.

People: **He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.**

Leader: Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.

People: **For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.**

Leader: "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," testifying to what would be said in the future.

People: **But Christ is faithful as the son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.**

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: This is what the LORD says—he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters. "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert to give drink to the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise. Isaiah 43: 16, 18-19, 21 (NIV)

MISSION MOMENT

Val Weaver, Operation Christmas Child

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

Morris Lapi

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/ CHORAL OFFERTORY *¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo!!* arr. D. Moore

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:1-2:4 (NIV)

¹ These are the names of the sons of Israel who went to Egypt with Jacob, each with his family: ² Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah; ³ Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin; ⁴ Dan and Naphtali; Gad and Asher. ⁵ The descendants of Jacob numbered seventy in all; Joseph was already in Egypt.

⁶ Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, ⁷ but the Israelites were fruitful and multiplied greatly, and became exceedingly numerous so that the land was filled with them. ⁸ Then a new king, who did not know Joseph, came to power in Egypt. ⁹ "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become much too numerous for us. ¹⁰ Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country."

¹¹ So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites ¹³ and worked them ruthlessly. ¹⁴ They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their hard labor the Egyptians used them ruthlessly.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, ¹⁶ "When you help the Hebrew women in childbirth and observe them on the delivery stool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live." ¹⁷ The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. ¹⁸ Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?"

¹⁹ The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive."

²⁰ So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. ²¹ And because the midwives feared

God, he gave them families of their own.

²² Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."

^{2:1} Now a man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman, ² and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

SERMON

Who Needs an Exodus?
series in Exodus
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN OF RESPONSE 598

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR
(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

His Guiding Hand/ B. Frick