

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Holy, Holy, Holy/ arr. C. Berry
Aviendha Fogie, pianist

WORDS OF GREETING

Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 66:1-5 (NIV)

Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

People: Sing the glory of his name; offer him glory and praise.

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

People: So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

Leader: All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name."

People: Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf!

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 57

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH (Trinity Hymnal p. 839)

Psalm 146

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. ...By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time.

Hebrews 11:1, 23-27 (NIV)

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/ CHORAL OFFERTORY *Doxology of Thanks/* arr. P. Drennan

Shawn Rudy, Trumpet; Aviendha and Courtney Fogie, Piano

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 4:1-17 (NIV)

Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you?'"

²Then the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?"

"A staff," he replied.

³The LORD said, "Throw it on the ground."

Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. ⁴Then the LORD said to him, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail." So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand. ⁵"This," said the LORD, "is so that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you."

⁶Then the LORD said, "Put your hand inside your cloak." So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was leprous like snow.

⁷"Now put it back into your cloak," he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh.

⁸Then the LORD said, "If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first miraculous sign, they may believe the second. ⁹But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the

Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground."

¹⁰Moses said to the LORD, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

"The LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD? "Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

"But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it."

"Then the LORD'S anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite?

I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and his heart will be glad when he sees you. "You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. ¹⁶He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him.

¹⁷But take this staff in your hand so you can perform miraculous signs with it."

SERMON

A Reluctant Prophet
series in Exodus
Rev. Dwight McKay

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **585**

Take My Life, And Let It Be

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE