

## PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

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## WORDS OF GREETING

### WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 34:1-3, 5, 17-18 (NIV)

Leader: I will extol the LORD at all times;  
his praise will always be on my lips.

People: **My soul will boast in the LORD;  
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

Leader: The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;  
he delivers them from all their troubles.

People: **The LORD is close to the brokenhearted  
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.**

Leader: Those who look to him are radiant;  
their faces are never covered with shame.

People: **Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.**

IN PRAYER

### \*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 32

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

### WE CONFESS OUR SIN

adapted from *Reformation Theology*

**Unison: Almighty Father, God of gods and Lord of lords,**

**Father to the fatherless, Husband to the widow,  
Defender of the helpless, Judge of all the earth,  
have mercy on us.**

**We have not sought freedom for the oppressed, even  
though you freed us.**

**We have not bound up the broken even though you  
healed us.**

**We have not forgiven others even though you forgave us.**

**We withhold kindness from each other even though you  
freely gave us your own Son.**

**We are without excuse, but not without hope.**

**By your power and grace, account our sins to Jesus  
death and amend our ways by the power of his  
glorious resurrection. Bring renewal to our slow hearts  
so that your glory might be seen in our midst.**

### \*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Therefore, ... let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)

### MISSION MOMENT

Alicia Tuck, video

### WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1<sup>st</sup> grade)  
WELCOME TO VISITORS

### WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

### WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

*Be Thou My Vision/ A. Parker*

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:15-2:10 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, <sup>16</sup> "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." <sup>17</sup> The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. <sup>18</sup> Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?"

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

<sup>20</sup> So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. <sup>21</sup> And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

<sup>22</sup> 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.”

Exodus 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Now a man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup> Then Pharaoh’s daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to get it. <sup>6</sup> She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. “This is one of the Hebrew babies,” she said. <sup>7</sup> Then his sister asked Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?” <sup>8</sup> “Yes, go,” she answered. And the girl went and got the baby’s mother. <sup>9</sup> Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.” So the woman took the baby and nursed him. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh’s daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, “I drew him out of the water.”

SERMON

***Three Women and a Baby***  
**series in Exodus**

Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE 75

*O Father, You Are Sovereign*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE