

The Church Gathered

January 22, 2023

11:00 a.m.

*Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.
– Isaiah 6:3b*

Prelude *Holy Ground Medley* Nancy Muskrat
Arr. Jim Hammerly

Welcome to Worshippers Michael Mills

*We gather here in grateful praise, in prayer and song our
voices raise, for all our blessings, large and small,
we thank You God, who gives us all.*

Call to Worship *Holy Ground* BEATTY

**This is holy ground; we're standing on holy ground,
for the LORD is present and where He is is holy. (repeat)**

**These are holy hands; He's given us holy hands.
He works through these hands and so these hands are holy. (repeat)**

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Hymn of Adoration 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA

Responsive Reading Psalm 11:4, 7; Exodus 33:13

*Leader: The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD is on his heavenly throne.
For the LORD is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his
face.*

**Congregation: Teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find
favor with you.**

Choral Worship *Teach Me, O LORD* Choir
Douglas Nolan

Teach me, O LORD, the way I should go,
let me walk the path that you prepared for me.
O come take my hand, I'm at your command.
LORD, teach me today, teach me, O LORD, I pray.

Show me, O LORD, the way I should go,
I will follow in your footsteps as you lead.
Though the road may be long, I'm never alone.
LORD, teach me today, teach me, O LORD, I pray.

Your ways are sure and your word is true.
Your law is my delight.
You are my guide and my friend, your love will never end.
You are the Way, the Truth, the Life: You are Life!

Lead me, O LORD; I give you life.
I will serve you, LORD, with gladness all my days.
LORD, use me, I pray and have thine own way.
Teach me, O LORD, I pray.

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Pastoral Prayer

Michael Mills

For loved ones, family, treasured friends, eternal life that never ends, for daily bread, sins washed away, we thank You God, afresh each day.

Hymn of Stewardship 490 *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

HENDON

Offertory Prayer

Tim Kidd

Instrumental Offertory *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*
Arr. Chris Rice

Nancy Muskrat

We thank You for the sacred word, and for the call Your church has heard to live as You would lead each day, we thank You God, Your will obey.

Reading of God's Word

Exodus 3:1-12, 4:10-17

Charlene Bass

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the

Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

Moses said to the LORD, “Pardon your servant, 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 human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”

But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, LORD. Please send someone else.”

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 he will be glad to see 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. He 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. But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it.”

Hymn of Proclamation 395

Open My Eyes, That I May See

SCOTT

Message

The God who Calls is the God who Equips
Exodus 3:1-12, 4:10-17

Michael Mills

*Praise God, the source of everything, praise God, the Son, our LORD
and King, praise God, the Holy Spirit near,
we thank You God, for You are here.*

Hymn of Response

Here I Am, LORD

HERE I AM, LORD

**I, the LORD of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, LORD. Is it I, LORD?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, LORD, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

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Opportunities for Service and Benediction

Michael Mills

Postlude

Nancy Muskrat

Deacon of the Week – C. L. Bass

The Church Scattered

Regular Church Business Conference

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