

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For those who are able, please stand

- Grubby Saturday was a big success!
- Sunday Starter is back in action.
- Sign up to bring flowers or help with coffee on Sundays.
- Please sign Friendship Pads.

CENTERING & LIGHTING

CANDLES

Lay Reader: Craig Butler

Pianist: Michael Hawkins

Flowers: Wally Carey & Sandy Ruff

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Ella Baker

"Strong people don't need strong leaders."

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of God,
the Maker of heaven and earth,

**who comes to the aid of the
oppressed,
who gives us the courage to do what
we know is right,**

who invites us to turn away from the
influences of the world around us
and to examine our hearts when we
are tempted to think we know best.

**This is our God!
Let's worship together.**

*OPENING HYMN

When Israel Was In Egypt's Land #52
(please don't sing in the sanctuary)

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

**Through all our living, we our fruits must
give.**

Good works of service are for offering.

When we are giving, or when receiving,

We belong to God.

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READING FROM THE HEBREW TESTAMENT

Exodus 1:8 - 2:10

Now a new king came to power in Egypt who didn't know Joseph. He said to his people, "The Israelite people are now larger in number and stronger than we are. Come on, let's be smart and deal with them. Otherwise, they will only grow in number. And if war breaks out, they will join our enemies, fight against us, and then escape from the land." As a result, the Egyptians put foremen of forced work gangs over the Israelites to harass them with hard work. They had to build storage cities named Pithom and Rameses for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they grew and spread, so much so that the Egyptians started to look at the Israelites with disgust and dread. So the Egyptians enslaved the Israelites. They made their lives miserable with hard labor, making mortar

and bricks, doing field work, and by forcing them to do all kinds of other cruel work.

The king of Egypt spoke to two Hebrew midwives named Shiphrah and Puah: "When you are helping the Hebrew women give birth and you see the baby being born, if it's a boy, kill him. But if it's a girl, you can let her live." Now the two midwives respected God so they didn't obey the Egyptian king's order. Instead, they let the baby boys live. So the king of Egypt called the two midwives and said to them, "Why are you doing this? Why are you letting the baby boys live?"

The two midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because Hebrew women aren't like Egyptian women. They're much stronger and give birth before any midwives can get to them." So God treated the midwives well, and the people kept on multiplying and became very strong. And because the midwives respected God, God gave them households of their own. Then Pharaoh gave an order to all his people: "Throw every baby boy born to the Hebrews into the Nile River, but you can let all the girls live."

Now a man from Levi's household married a Levite woman. The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that the baby was healthy and beautiful, so she hid him for three months. When she couldn't hide him any longer, she took a reed basket and sealed it up with black tar. She put the child in the basket and set the basket among the reeds at the riverbank. The baby's older

sister stood watch nearby to see what would happen to him. Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, while her women servants walked along beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds, and she sent one of her servants to bring it to her. When she opened it, she saw the child. The boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. She said, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children." Then the baby's sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Would you like me to go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter agreed, "Yes, do that." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I'll pay you for your work." So the woman took the child and nursed it. After the child had grown up, she brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I pulled him out of the water."

THEME READING

Sen. Dan Sullivan (R) Alaska

"I think we're going to look back 20 years from now and all of us are going to be like 'what the hell were we thinking' when we recognize the damage that [social media] has done to a generation."

(Order of Worship continues on back...)



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Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 10, 2021

AN INCLUSIVE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH.
OUR MISSION IS TO MANIFEST CHRIST'S LOVE IN THE WORLD.

Midwives of Us All

midwife verb

midwifed \ 'mid-, wīft \ or midwived \ 'mid-, wīvd \ ; midwifing \

: to assist in producing, bringing forth, or bringing about

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesus is Calling My Name

SERMON

Midwives of Us All

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #65

(please don't sing in the sanctuary)

CORPORATE PRAYER

a transliteration of the Jesus Prayer

Oh Thou, from whom the breath of life comes, who fills all realms of sound, light and vibration. May Your light be experienced in our hearts.

Your Heavenly Domain approaches.

Let Your will come true - in the universe and on earth. Give us wisdom for our daily needs, detach the fetters

of faults that bind us, as we do our best to let go of the guilt of others.

Let us not be lost in superficial things, but let us be freed from that which keeps us from our true purpose. From You comes the all-working will, the lively strength to act, the song that beautifies all and renews itself from age to age. Sealed in trust, faith and truth, confirm it in this, your community.

CLOSING SONG

Guide My Feet #741

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Join fellow members and visitors for coffee and reconnection after the service concludes.

