



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Welcome Back Sunday - September 10
 - Water to Wine at Craig and Karen Butler's home September 10 at 2 pm
 - Beverley Galvan memorial at St. John the Baptist Episcopal, O.E.S. campus on September 23 at 11:30 am
 - Southminster Reads: *Saving Grace* Kirsten Powers Sept 24 -- After Service



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Sunday, September 3, 2023

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

TODAY *Moses in Mid-life*

I don't believe in 'thinking' old. Although I've transitioned through many bodies - a baby, toddler, child, teen, young adult, mid-life and older adult - my spirit is unchanged. I support my body with exercise, my mind with reading and writing, and my spirit with the knowing that I am part of the Divine source of all life.

— Wayne Dyer





PRELUDE & BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

Holy Manna,
arr. by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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LAY READER

Brent Jacobs

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"We don't see people as they are. We see people as we are."
~ Anais Nin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Incline your hearts to the wisdom of God;
seek integrity and understanding.

The testimonies of God are wonderful;

If you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,

If you look for it as for silver
and search for it as for hidden treasure,

Then you will find the knowledge of God,

for the Lord gives wisdom

and from God's mouth comes truth and understanding.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us offer signs of Christ's peace to one another.

OPENING HYMN

#405 "Praise God for this Holy Ground"

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

One day after Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and saw their forced labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. He looked this way and that, and seeing no one he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. When he went out the next day, he saw two Hebrews fighting, and he said to the one who was in the wrong, "Why do you strike your fellow Hebrew?" He answered, "Who made you a ruler and judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "Surely the thing is known." When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses.

So Moses fled from Pharaoh. He settled in the land of Midian and sat down by a well. The priest of Midian had seven daughters. They came to draw water and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. But some shepherds came and drove them away. Moses got up and came to their defense and watered their flock. When they returned to their father Reuel, he said, "How is it that you have come back so soon today?" They said, "An Egyptian helped us against the shepherds; he even drew water for us and watered the flock." He said to his daughters, "Where is he? Why did you leave the man? Invite him to share a meal." Moses agreed to stay with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah in marriage. She bore a son, and he named him Gershom, for he said, "I have been an alien residing in a foreign land."

THEME READING

"Midlife is the time to let go of an overdominant ego and to contemplate the deeper significance of human existence."
~ Carl Jung

SPECIAL MUSIC

Scherzo from Sonata Op. 31 #3, by Ludwig van Beethoven
Kenn Willson- piano

SERMON

Moses in Mid-life
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#11 "Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud"

CORPORATE PRAYER

from the New Zealand Book of Prayer
Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.
Amen.



OFFERTORY

My Jesus, I Love Thee,
arr. by Penny Rodriguez

DOXOLOGY

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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CLOSING HYMN

#307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Majestic is Your Name,
arr. by Lloyd Larson

FELLOWSHIP

