



**August 23, 2020**

**GREETING**

Pastor Craig

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

**PASSING OF PEACE, OUTPOURING OF THE WATER**

**PRELUDE**

*The Bells (Les Cloches)*

C. Debussy/Arr. A. Schroeder

Robert Marshall - cello

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes the mountain is hidden in veils of cloud, sometimes I am hidden from the mountain and from the world in veils of inattention, apathy, fatigue, fear and depression, or when I forget to go a few yards up the road to reconfirm that witnessing presence of God. A friend once gave me a great simple definition of a Calling: "It is what calls you." Sometimes our calling is to teach. At times our calling is to listen. Jesus is calling softly and tenderly, like a mother protecting and preserving life in dangerous times.

**OPENING HYMN**     *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*     (1 & 3)     418

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain

"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home.  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

3. O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

Refrain

## CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor Diane

## PSALM CONFESSING OUR FAITH

PSALM 124

St. Anne 687

If God had not been on our side, when / wars around us rose; who would have been the / sure defense against our mortal foes?

Their anger at our presence raged; their / wrath a swelling tide, to draw us underneath / the flood, were God not at our side.

The Lord be praised, at whose right hand / our enemies are stayed; our lasting shield, the / name of God, who heaven and earth has made.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## GLORIA PATRI

Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### ANTHEM

*It Is Well with My Soul*

P. Bliss/Arr. K. Medema

Jamie Reed - piano

### SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:8-2:10

<sup>8</sup>Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. <sup>9</sup>“Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. <sup>10</sup>Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.” <sup>11</sup>So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup>But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites <sup>13</sup>and worked them ruthlessly. <sup>14</sup>They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly. <sup>15</sup>The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, <sup>16</sup>“When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby 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 Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.”

## **The Birth of Moses**

**2** Now a man of the tribe 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 riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave 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. So 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**

Moses in the Bullrushes

Pastor Craig

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Apostles' Creed*

p. 35

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**HYMN**

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

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1. Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
2. Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

3. O, Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled, as to console,  
to be understood, as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.
  
4. Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

### **CALL FOR OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY**

*Gavotte*

C. Reinecke

Robert Marshall - cello

#### **DOXOLOGY**

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

#### **HYMN**

*O God of Every Nation*

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1. O God of every nation, of every race and land,  
redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand.  
Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,  
in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife torn world.
  
2. From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,  
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,  
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,  
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.
  
3. Lord, strengthen those who labor that all may find release  
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase;  
when hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard;  
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.



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		* YTD 2020 Attendance / On-Line	11003
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