

“Holy Ground”

Rev. Linda McDermott

Exodus 3:1-5

Traditional Worship

11:00 am

September 24, 2017

WE GATHER

Welcome

Instrumental Call to Worship — Galliard Battaglia
Samuel Scheidt/David Marlatt, composer and arranger

*Call to Worship

We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos.

We will praise Your name; for You have done wonderful things!

We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us life.

We will praise Your name; for You have done wonderful things!

We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.

We will praise Your name; for You have done wonderful things!

*Hymn 64 — Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Word of the Day:
holy

Memory Verse:
We will praise
Your name; for
You have done
wonderful things.
- Isaiah 25:1

Cherubim and
seraphim are kinds
of angels.

* Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,



who works in us and others by the Spirit.



God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

We trust in God. We are called to be the church.

In life beyond death

Amen.

To celebrate God's presence.

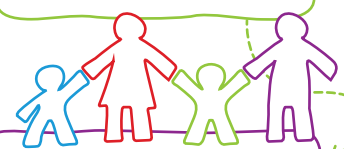
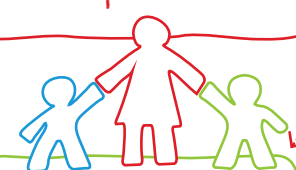
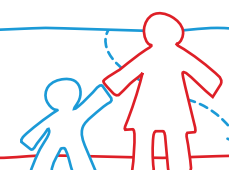
In death

To love and serve others.

In life

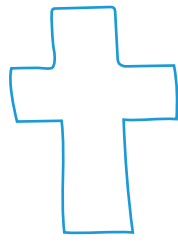
To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

To seek justice and resist evil.



*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;



Gloria Patri means "Glory to the Father." This short hymn of praise has been sung by Christians for many centuries.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Please be seated. Ushers will assist in seating at this time.

WE PROCLAIM

Sacrament of Baptism

Amelia Marie Hardin, daughter of Shawna and Brandon Hardin

Baptismal Hymn 191 (vs. 1) — Jesus Loves Me

Congregational Response

With God's help,
We will so order our lives after the example of Christ,
That **Amelia Marie**,
Surrounded by steadfast love,
May be established in the faith,
And confirmed and strengthened in the way
That leads to life eternal.

Baptism:
When someone is baptized, it's a chance for all of us to celebrate how much God loves that person. God loves each one of us, not because of anything we do, but simply because we are God's children.

Special Music — Rejoice

Craig Courtney, composer

Scripture — Exodus 3:1-5

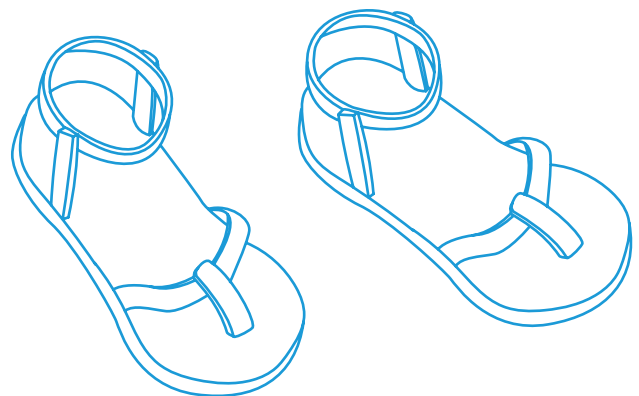
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Faith Like a Child

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn — Holy Ground

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now;
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.
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Sermon Snips:
You don't have to "just sit there." Choose one of the sermon snips and let it guide you as you take your relationship with God to the next level.



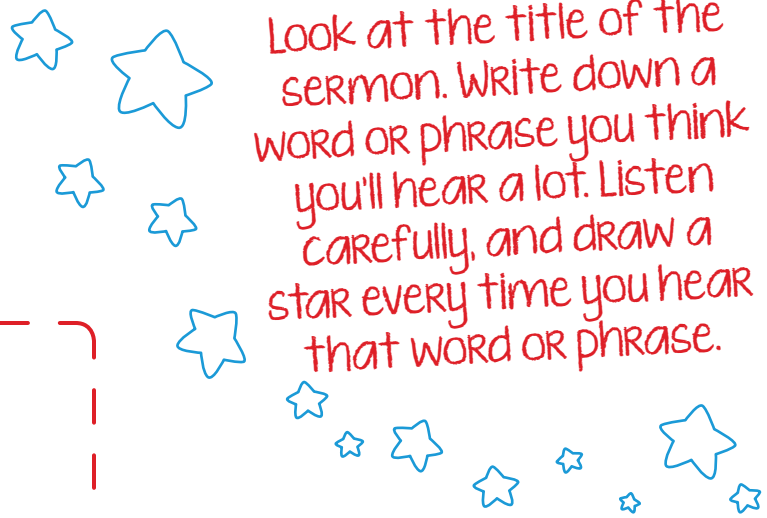
Holy Ground

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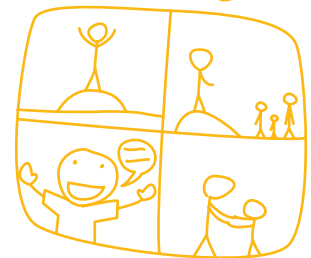
Be mindful.
What is something deep inside you that God wants the world to know?



Look at the title of the sermon. Write down a word or phrase you think you'll hear a lot. Listen carefully, and draw a star every time you hear that word or phrase.



Take the Bible story, or one of the stories from the sermon, and create a storyboard. Think of it as a 4-panel comic strip that tells the story.



Make a list of all the things that distract you during the sermon. Can you fix some of these? Can God help?



Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Find the Prayer Cross in your worship kit. The cord has five knots, and there are five parts to the prayer Jesus taught his friends. Hold each knot between your thumb and forefinger as you say the different parts of the prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.

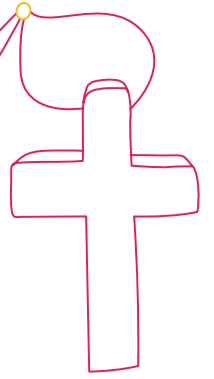
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be
done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass 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.



WE RESPOND

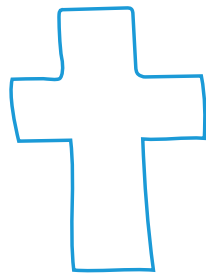
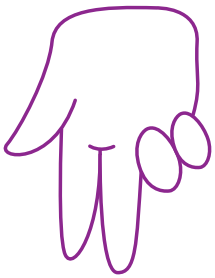
A Time of Giving

Offertory — Bist du Bei Mir

Johann Sebastian Bach/David Marlatt, composer and arranger

*Doxology

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



*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Many years after Jesus went to heaven, the early church added this part of the prayer. Hold the prayer cross close to your heart as you say this part.

In addition to your regular contribution, every one dollar (\$1) bill placed in the offering plate during the month of September will support Kids Hope. Thank you for reaching out to others.

*Hymn 438 – Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labor to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes mine in-most substance see,
and labor on at thy command,
and offer all my works to thee.

For thee delightfully employ
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given;
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

*Benediction

Our gathering will soon be ended, where will we go, and what will we do?

We will go out to be God's people in the world.

May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

*Congregational Closing Song – Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

*Postlude – Concerto in B-flat Major for Two Trumpets and Continuo: Allegro Antonio Vivaldi, arranger

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Bill Fuller by Gaye, Bill, Bob, and Mary.

The white carnation symbolizes our sympathy to the family and friends of W.L. "Bill" Hailey.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Linda McDermott, Senior Associate Pastor

Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music & Worship Arts

Mrs. Peggy Graff, Organist and Associate Director of Music & Worship Arts

Liturgists: Welcome, Rev. Phyllis Barren; Affirmation — Mr. John Howard; Scripture — Mr. John Howard; Baptism — Dr. Tim Bruster & Dr. Mike Marshall

Faith Like a Child: Mister Mark & Mrs. Lynn Cockrell, Mrs. Amber Shive, Helper — Stella Cammack

Choir: Choral Union

Musicians: Lacey Hays and Adam Miller, trumpets (DFW Brass members)

Acolytes: Will Scott, Luke Bolger, Matthew Goleman

Procession: Charlotte Gibbs

Thy = YOUR
Thee = YOU

How are you going to be one of God's people in the world this week?

WORSHIP KIT

↪ INSIDE YOU WILL FIND ↪

TREASURES OF NATURE BOX

One of the best ways we can experience God's power and love is by cherishing God's handiwork in the wonders of nature. Carefully open the box and discover what treasures wait inside.

BLANK CARD

You can use the pencil and crayons to make a *Thank You* note for someone in the Sanctuary who helped make worship feel special to you. It could be a parent, a minister, a choir member, an usher, or someone in the next pew who gave you a friendly wave. After the service, ask your parents to take you to hand-deliver the card.

ANOINTING BALM

Use the anointing balm to bless a friend or family member sitting next to you. Rub a tiny bit of the balm on your thumb and trace the sign of the cross on your neighbor's forehead or back of the hand (whichever they prefer). As you do this, say a simple blessing, such as "God bless you." (It's not just for sneezes.) Or, for a longer blessing, you could say:

*You are a special person.
God loves you, and so do I.
Bless you.*

And don't forget to allow your neighbor the privilege of getting to bless you.

PIPE STEMS

There are so many things you can do with pipe stems. You could:

- Listen to the sermon and sculpt an object you hear mentioned.
- Shape them in the initials of someone you'd like to pray for.
- Look around the Sanctuary and sculpt something you see.
- Sculpt a flower and give it to a family member.
- Make a friendship bracelet and give it to a friend, or to a new member.

PRAYER CROSS

The cross is such a powerful symbol of God's love and hope. Anytime is a good time to hold on to the cross. See inside the bulletin for how to use the prayer cross during the Lord's Prayer.

TANGLE

Listen to a piece of music or a Bible story and mold the tangle to show how it makes you feel.

Does it make you feel:

- Open and ready for God's presence?
- Tangled and confused?
- Wrapped snugly and securely?
- Calm like a gentle stream?
- Not sure?

PENCIL AND CRAYONS

Use these to write notes in your bulletin, draw a prayer, illustrate a story you hear in the sermon, or even ask hard questions.

CLOTH FIGURE

Here are just a few things you can do with the cloth figure:

- Have it act out the events in the Bible story.
- Help it read the bulletin.
- Gently hold it the way God is holding you right now.

EYE SPY CARD AND TELESCOPE

Use the Eye Spy card to identify some of the many meaningful objects and symbols in our Sanctuary. Use the telescope to help you explore.

