

Woden Valley Uniting Church



30 August
Pentecost 14
Frontier Service Sunday

'It is I who sent you'

The Gathering of the People of God

The Gong is struck three times to gather the people of God to be present in this time of worship

Prelude *a time for quiet preparation*

'There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place'

Acknowledgement of Country

Lighting the Community Candle

Call to Worship

Hymn of Worship TiS 563 Let him to whom we now belong

Opening Prayer *

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
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Glory to God! Amen.

Sung Prayer of Thanksgiving Taize song 'In the Lord I will be ever thankful'(x2)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
In the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God do not be afraid
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.
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The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Receiving God's Word

First Reading Exodus 3:1-15

3 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb,^[a] the mountain of God. **2** There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. **3** Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." **4** When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." **5** Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." **6** He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7 Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, **8** and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians

and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹² He said, “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

¹³ But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.”^[b] He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD,^[c] the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22

Refrain

**O give thanks, and call on God's name,
sing God's deeds to everyone.
Hearts rejoice in seeking God's presence,
singing for justice and equity.**



Gospel Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance^[a] to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

The Cross and Self-Denial

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

L: The word of the Lord.

People : Thanks be to God

Song 'Go down, Moses'

1. *When Israel was in Egypt's land, Let my people go,
Oppressed so hard they could not stand, Let my people go.*

Refrain: *Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land, tell old Pharaoh: Let my people go.*

2. *The Lord told Moses what to do, Let my people go,*

- to lead the Hebrew children through, Let my people go. (Refrain)*
3. *As Israel stood by the waterside, Let my people go, at God's command it did divide, Let my people go. (Refrain)*
 4. *When they had reached the other shore, Let my people go, they let the song of triumph soar, Let my people go. (Refrain)*
 5. *Lord, help us all from bondage flee, Let my people go, and let us all in Christ be free, Let my people go. (Refrain)*

Reflection

Silent reflection

Song of reflection TiS 583 (Tune of TiS 601)

Offering

Prayers of the People

Being Sent on God's Mission

Closing Hymn 'The Summon' by John Bell and Graham Maule Words © 1987, Iona Community.

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same ?
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me ?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me ?

4. Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same ?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me ?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Blessing

Postlude 'Now unto Him who is able.'

Notices and Sharing