

CALL to WORSHIP - adapted from *Psalms 136*

Rev. Jack McAnlis

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,

All: For God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: God brought Israel out from among the Egyptians,

All: For God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: It is God who divided the Red Sea in two and made Israel pass through the midst of it,

All: For God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: It is God who remembered us in our low estate, rescued us from our foes, and gives food to all flesh,

All: O give thanks to the God of heaven, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: With praise and thanksgiving, let us worship God.

HYMN — *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

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Almighty God, in Jesus Christ, you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We break our promises made to you. We are often noisy when we could be hearing your call. We are often silent when we could be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Time for silent prayer and confession.)

PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news! Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

RESPONSE to GOD'S GRACE — *Glory to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen. Amen. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING — *Exodus 2:1-10*

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” 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 will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The First Deliverer

Reverend McAnlis

AFFIRMATION of FAITH — from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We Trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good. God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

HYMN — *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

GREEN TYLER

*God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ surround me.*

*Bind to myself the Name of Holy,
great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ surround me.*

*Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ surround me.*

*Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ surround me.*

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me.
O Christ, surround me; O Christ surround me.*

SACRAMENT *of the* LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER *of* GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING *of the* BREAD

COMMUNION *of the* PEOPLE

PRAYER *after* COMMUNION

S E N D I N G

CHARGE *and* BLESSING

POSTLUDE — *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

*Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:*

*Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the match that ends the night
before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.*

*Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.*

QUESTION *for* REFLECTION

- What new thing might God be working on in you?

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Tim Carpenter – Director of Music

Michael Cooney – Organist

Video Ministry Volunteers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please note all announcements for Sunday bulletins are due by noon the Tuesday before they are to be published. Please email announcements to Bulletin@MPCusa.net.*

BACKPACK DRIVE!

The Deacon's are excited to announce that this year we are continuing to serve students in Morrisville, Bensalem, and Bristol by holding our annual Back-to-School Backpack Drive. The Ivin's Outreach Center will distribute the bags to students with the greatest need in these districts, to girls and boys in grades 9-12.

We are asking our "generous" congregation to put specific items in a backpack or messenger bag and place them in the bins located in the Communication Center before or after Sunday Service or at 7:30 p.m. on Monday evenings.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to this important drive, you can do so online or by sending in a check to the church office. Please include "Backpack Drive" in the memo line.

Backpacks and donations will be accepted up until Sunday, August 29. Thank you so much for your generosity and for making this back-to-school year so special for these students. If you have any questions, please contact Patti at 267-394-0776. Thanking you in advance, Patti Sheffer and Lori Newman

Please include these items in the backpack for high school students:

Single-Subject Spiral Notebooks
2-Pocket Folders
3- Ring Binders
Loose Leaf College Ruled Paper
Colored Binder Dividers

Dictionary/Thesaurus
Book covers
Wire-Bound Weekly Planner
Sticky Notes/Flags
12-inch Ruler

#2 Pencils
Black/Blue Pens
Highlighters/Markers
Colored Pencils
Pencil Sharpener/Eraser