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Service of Worship for May 2, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Blessed are you, O God, creator of all that is.
Blessed are you, O God, creator of all that will be.
Blessed are you, O God, who made us in your image.
Praised be your name! Amen.*

Opening Song

God is Here

UMH 660

Opening Prayer

Lord, forgive us when we see your miracles all around us and still doubt your power, presence and love. Forgive us when we treat this world and each other with careless indifference or with malice. You, who have created the most wondrous things from the smallest of particles, can create in us confidence and hope. From our lives you can fashion the most delightful miracles that can serve you through acts of mercy and kindness. Free us, Lord, to receive your blessings and, having received them, to find the numerous ways in which we can serve you. For we pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to say:

The Lord's Prayer

A Time for Young Disciples

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Exodus 2:1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³ 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. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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?" ⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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."

The Message

Incredible Moms – Jochebed: A Woman with a Plan

The Offering of the Gifts and our Prayers

Anthem

Come Share the Lord

Bryan Jeffery Leech

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to you, Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to praise you, Lord.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy Triune God. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is praised among all peoples. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, Almighty One! Blessed are you, Jesus Christ! In the power of the Spirit you created all things, blessed them, and called them good. You called to yourself a people To make your mercy and truth known in all the world. We betrayed your calling; but you were faithful. We wandered from the way; yet you called us to return and led us home.

At the right time you came and dwelt among us, as one of us, bringing good news to the poor, healing the sick, raising the dead, sharing table with the unrighteous, and teaching the way that leads to life. In your birth, life, death and resurrection, You gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood."

Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done to save us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us; Pour out your Spirit on these gifts. Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ, Make us, through them, the body of Christ alive in the world.

Come, Lord Jesus! Be our daily bread. Holy Spirit, send us to the world. Glory to you, Holy, Blessed Trinity, one God now and forever. Amen,

The Receiving of the Bread and the Cup

Closing Song of Praise

We Are Called

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The Sending Forth

Postlude

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