

PRELUDE *Suite for Violin and Organ, Op. 166: Praeludium*
Jake Roege, violin

Rheinberger (1839-1901)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May the God of the burning bush be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts to the One who speaks to us.

People: We lift them to the One who calls us to be his people.

Leader: Sing your songs of praise to our God.

People: We join in a chorus of joy and wonder.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN *The God of Abraham Praised* Leoni

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
The Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of Love;
The Lord the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty, and Sabbath rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name:
The first, the last, beyond all thought and still the same!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Calling God, You are always calling women and men, children and youth, to be your disciples in the world. We confess that we are good at making excuses: we aren't good enough, we cannot speak, or we are bound to fail. Yet you continue to call to us in many and in various ways. Enable us to hear your call and to be your strong disciples, through Christ our Lord.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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Greatorex (1816-1853)

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.

SCRIPTURE READING Scripture Exodus 3: 1-15

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 Horeb, 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 broad land, 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 So come, I will send 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 worship 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." 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, 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.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Five Excuses You Can Use When God Calls* Rev. Dr. Wray Sherman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Suite for Violin and Organ, Op. 166: Allemande* Rheinberger
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology Hymn 606 Old Hundredth

Praise God, from Whom all blessing flow; Praise Him, all creatures, here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayers of Dedication

HYMN *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* Here I Am

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

[Refrain] Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Trio in F, Op. 49 no. 10* Rheinberger

Prayers for Health and Other Concerns:

The Legacy: Eloise Morris

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab

Summit Square: Ruth Quillen, Lillian Hryshkanych

Home: Dick Huff, Nancy Garber, Mary Ultee, Edie Lawrence, Steve Doherty, Nancy Snyder, Campbell Epes

Friends and Family: Andy & Jean Robeson, Wanda Braden, Lucy Colbert, Charlie Fairchilds (Cunninghams), Nancy Vilain, Chris Davenport (Jen Jones), Danny Smith (Nancy Hypes), Jennifer & Charlotte Sergeant (Kathy Brown), Emily Bardeen (Sandi Henderson), Kathy Doyle (Cindy & Rodger Doyle), Peter Johnson, Lawrence Maddox, Joan Blazek, Glenn Fields, Sr. (Jen Jones), Bill Metzler (Joyce Tipton), Tony Poplin (Colleen Cash), Helen Schurz (Holly Bennett), Shae Blackwell and Family (Preschool), Carol Buckalew (J Jones), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Merle Fisher (Anne Wood)

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