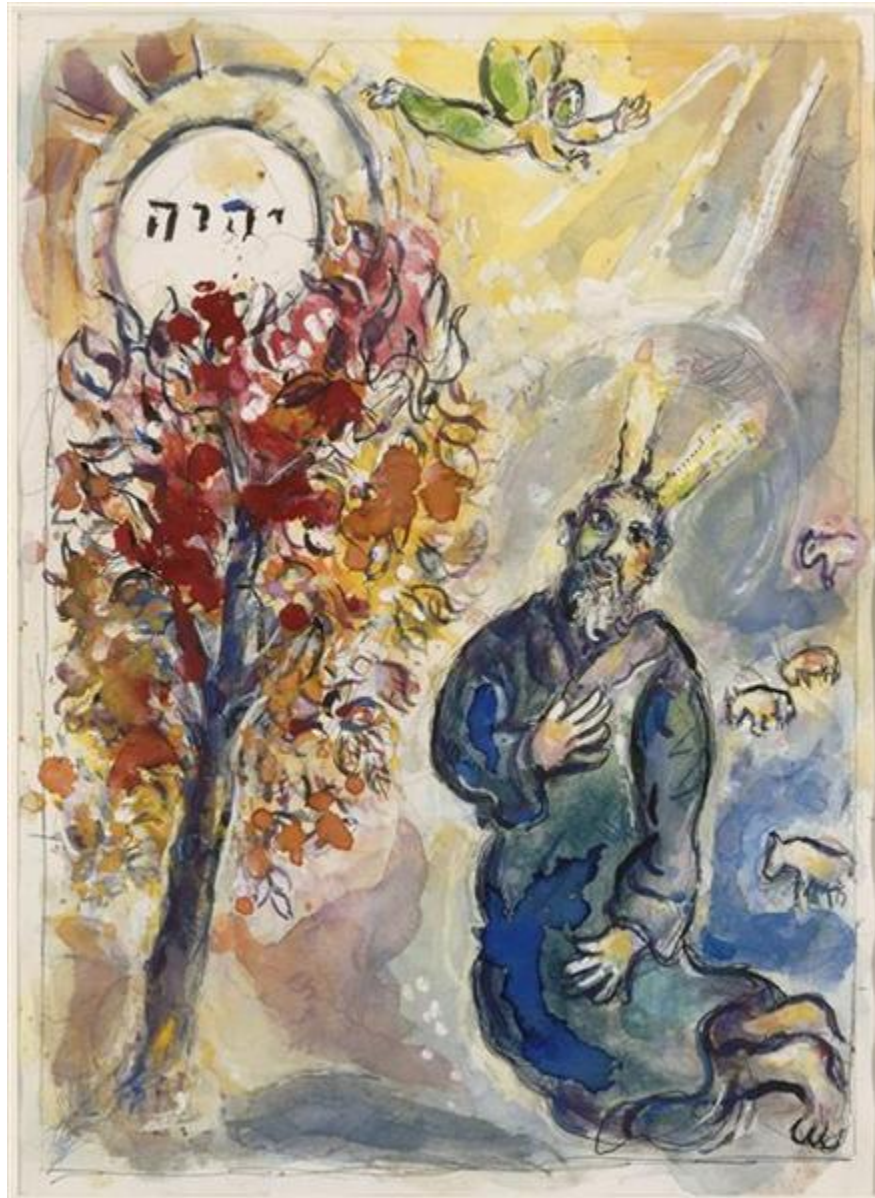


TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH, 2020

SAINT GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



We have one podcast this week. The Extended Worship podcast, which begins here, continues through most of the worship service, to the Charge & Benediction.
Podcast: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1260758/5197744>

SACRED MUSIC

We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 92:1-2, 4

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
To sing praises to your name, O Most High;
To declare your steadfast love in the morning,
And your faithfulness at night.
For you have made me glad, O Lord, in all you have done
And I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

OPENING PRAYER

In the silence of the morning
We are alive to the new day's light,
Alert to the early stirrings of the wind
And the first sounds of the creatures.
In the silence of our hearts
We hear the yearnings that are in us and the fears,
The hopes that rise from within
And the doubts that trouble our soul.
In the beginnings of this day, O God,
Open to us the treasure of our inner being
That in the midst of this day's tasks we may draw on wisdom.
Assure us again of our origins in you,
Assure us again that our true depths are of you.
In Christ's name. Amen.

SACRED MUSIC *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

(This is one of the beloved hymns of the congregation.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us in silence remember
Our own faults and failings.
(Silence)

In the community of Christ's Church
And in the presence of all God's people,
We confess to God that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved God,
Cared for God's world,
Or respected God's people as we should.
We own our responsibility
And pray for God's pardon.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

May God forgive you,
Christ befriend you,
and the Spirit renew and change your life. Amen.

SACRED MUSIC *Softly and Tenderly*
(This is one of the beloved hymns of the congregation.)

HEBREW SCRIPTURES 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. 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. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." 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." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 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.

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, 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. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 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." 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?" 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.'" 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.

THE MESSAGE

"Holy Ground"

Rev. Rebecca Kuiken

SACRED MUSIC

The Canticle of the Turning

(This is one of the beloved hymns of the congregation.)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

O Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
We praise you for the everlasting goodness by which you created all things,
and we call on your unchanging grace.

We pray for those who are swept up in the changes of life,
that you would give comfort and confidence to all who face loss.
Everlasting God,
send forth your compassion.

We seek your mercy on those who feel far from your presence.
We seek your mercy on ourselves, acknowledging our own sin.
Everlasting God,
send forth your compassion.

We seek your wisdom as we give ourselves to your service,
that you would fill us with a sense of urgency in the face of injustice
and a sense of patience in the face of difficulty.
Everlasting God,
send forth your compassion.

We seek your gracious healing presence with those who are sick,
and with all who are in need of your restoring grace,
that your love might satisfy all your people
and we might rejoice and be glad all our days.
Everlasting God,
send forth your compassion.

Let your work be made real to us and through us,
O Lord our God,
for we pray in the timeless words of Jesus Christ,
saying together:

**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.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory*
(This is one of the beloved hymns of the congregation.)

arr. by Paul Manz

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray for these Members, Relatives and Friends

Pat Lindsay, Rachel Williams, Sandra Richbourg, Charolette Brown, Libby Morton, Dan Grassi, Dick Grassi, Paula Hagler, Dave Smith, Aleta Wheeler, Marie Minani, Inez Ruchte, Andrew Scharfe, Jeane Nagel, Joe Moody, Donna Nichols, Larry Watson, Joyce Vollmer

- Sallie Taylor's sister, Janet
- Jan Morgan's daughter, Anna
- Betty Fetvedt's sister, Peggy
- Marti Ranney's friend Sherrill
- Janet Wherry's sons David & Stephen, & her sister Ev
- Rachel & Rodney Williams' daughter, Rene
- Pat & Bob Lindsay's granddaughter Rebecca, niece Stephanie & family, & niece Eloise
- Chris Zaineddin's friend Peggy, nieces Colleen, & Sourour Dehnadi, brother Ken, & friend Paul Hutter & family
- Dave & Rita Hart's friend Terry, and neighbors Sarah and Wayne
- Roberta Dibble's friend Margaret Rothman
- Carmen Rosa, along with Tania Valentine & Maurice Kersey
- Friends of Hess & Hart families, Max & Leatha Carey & family, & Allen Lee & Family
- Jo Lourens' father Flip Viviers
- Kimberly & Chad Craven's friend & her family
- Lisa, coworker of Koreen Thomasson, & Lisa's husband Ed
- Sara Monazah's grandmother Zary
- Kathy & Bob Wolinski's daughter, Amy
- Joe Moody's sister Mary Lynn
- Cindy Hemminger & family following her 5 year old cousin Hazel's diagnosis with Leukemia
- Donald and Nancy Ross' friend Terri McIrvine, and her husband and daughters
- Mary Ellen Jackson's cousin Betty Turner
- Chris Maxwell's sister Cecile
- Nicole Goolsby's mother Lyn's friend Bob Albert
- Scott Vollmer's mother, Lois
- Nathan Whittle's aunt Pauline and her son
- **Koreen, Chuck, and Sloane Thomasson following the death of Koreen's mother and long-time Saint Giles member, Peggie Bell**

*requests in bold have been recently added or are in need of special prayer.