

**ONLINE WORSHIP BULLETIN FOR LIVESTREAM SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BAKERSFIELD, September 27, 2020, 9:30 AM**

**Opening Hymn: "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"**

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

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.

Verse 3

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.

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**Invocation**

**Reading: Revelation 15:2-4**

I saw what looked like a sea of glass mixed with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and over the number of his name. They held harps given them by God and sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb:

Great and marvelous are Your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are Your ways, King of the ages.

Who will not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your Name?

You alone are holy! All nations will come and worship before You,

For Your righteous acts have been revealed!

***Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)***

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. Amen.

**Announcements**

## Praise Song: *“Be Still”*

Verse 1

Be still and know  
That the Lord is in control  
Be still my soul  
Stand and watch as giants fall

Chorus

*I won't be afraid  
You are here  
You silence all my fear  
I won't be afraid  
You don't let go  
Be still my heart and know  
I won't be afraid*

Verse 2

Be still and trust  
What the Lord has said is done

Find rest don't strive  
Watch as faith and grace align

Bridge

Surely love and mercy  
Your peace and kindness  
Will follow me will follow me  
Your love surrounds me  
Your love surrounds me here

Interlude

Whenever I'm lost, and life's unstable,  
You lift me up; You're the God who's able.

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## Pastoral Prayer

### Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-6, 10-14; Hebrews 11:23-29

#### Exodus 3:1-6

**3** Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. **2** There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. **3** So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

#### Exodus 3:10-14 (NIV)

**10** So 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** And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When

**4** When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

**5** “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” **6** Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

**13** Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

**14** God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

### **Hebrews 11:23-29 (NIV)**

<sup>23</sup> By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

<sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. <sup>25</sup> He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup> He regarded disgrace for the

sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. <sup>27</sup> By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup> By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

## **Message: "Walk By Faith: Moses"**

*For we live by faith, not by sight, 2 Corinthians 5:7*

To walk by faith is \_\_\_\_\_ to God's call to follow Him.

### **From Privilege to Poverty**

*One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand, Exodus 2:11-12.*

Moses went from the royal palace to desert \_\_\_\_\_.

When we have become more attuned to God we will understand that " \_\_\_\_\_ " is calling.

### **God's Call Revived**

*While working for his father-in-law as a goat herder, Moses came upon a burning bush. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up . . . God called to him out of the bush. . . Exodus 3:2-3.*

God uses all kinds of things, unusual or mundane, to get our \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ means we are ready to do the most insignificant thing or the biggest thing for God.

### **Walking With Others**

*By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night, Exodus 13:2.*

*Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? . . . It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert! Exodus 14:10-14.*

*Then the LORD said to Moses, why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground, Exodus 14:15-16.*

Which took \_\_\_\_\_: to trust God or to face the fear, anger and accusations of the Israelites?

Read Exodus 16:3

*For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. . . Jesus declared, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry. John 6:33-34.*

Jesus said: *whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life, John 4:14.*

*Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.*

Read Exodus 20:18-20

Very few Christians consciously disobey God, they simply \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

Didn't Jesus say, *If you love me, you will keep my commandments?* John 14:15.

Faith in God will often put you \_\_\_\_\_ with the morality of unredeemed human culture.

### **Your Walk of Faith**

Moses \_\_\_\_\_ to God and made effort to walk by faith.

These are the days for God to \_\_\_\_\_ to you.

A closer walk with God will reveal your \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus said, . . . *surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age, Matthew 28:20.*

## **Hymn: "Close to Thee"**

Verse 1

Thou my everlasting portion  
More than friend or life to me  
All along my pilgrim journey  
Savior let me walk with Thee  
*Close to Thee close to Thee*  
*Close to Thee close to Thee*  
All along my pilgrim journey  
Savior let me walk with Thee

Verse 2

Not for ease or worldly pleasure  
Not for fame my prayer shall be

Gladly will I toil and suffer  
Only let me walk with Thee  
*Close to Thee close to Thee*  
*Close to Thee close to Thee*  
Gladly will I toil and suffer  
Only let me walk with Thee

Verse 3

Lead me thro' the vale of shadows  
Bear me o'er life's fitful sea  
Then the fate of life eternal  
May I enter Lord with Thee  
*Close to Thee close to Thee*

Close to Thee close to Thee  
Then the gate of life eternal  
May I enter Lord with Thee

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## Invitation to Give

### Praise Song: “Way Maker”

You are here moving in our midst.  
I worship You, I worship You.  
You are here working in this place,  
I worship You, I worship You.  
*You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise  
Keeper,  
Light in the darkness,  
my God, that is who You are! (repeat)*  
You are here touching ev’ry heart.  
I worship You, I worship You.  
You are here, healing ev’ry heart.  
I worship You, I worship You.  
You are here turning lives around.  
I worship You, I worship You.

You are here mending ev’ry heart.  
I worship You, I worship You!  
Even when I don’t see it  
You’re working.  
Even when I don’t feel it  
You’re working.  
You never stop,  
You never stop working.  
You never stop,  
You never stop working.

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## Benediction

### Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Amen, Amen, Amen! God, we praise You!  
God, we praise You!

## Participating in today's live stream service:

Dr. Richard Thompson, *Pastor*  
Andrew Irvin, *Director of Worship and Music*

Worship Leader: Andrew Irvin

### *Instrumentalists:*

Organ: Rebecca Spickler  
Keyboard: Aaron Thompson

### *Tech:*

Sound: James Dethlefson

Greeters: Marti Ingalls, Sheryl Gallion,  
Bryan Cowden, Jo Anne Coston

Ushers: Bonnie Casola, Greg Perrone, Joyce  
Perrone, Tony Castro, Jan Ramey

Psalm Reading: Kaitlin Perrone  
Scripture: Jay Rosenlieb  
Offering Talk: Mack Phillips  
Announcements: Sarah Pitts

Piano: Andrew Irvin/Dumisani Irvin  
Drums: Dumisani Irvin  
Vocals: Aaron Leppke, Michael Canlas, Andrew Irvin

*Live Stream Camera:* Ed French, Scott Rice  
*Projection:* Lucas Metcalf, Victor Agbayani

Safety Team: Dusty Ramey, Rick McDonald

## Announcements & Information: September 27, 2020

**In Person Morning Devotion and Fellowship** will take place Sundays at 7:30 AM, in the Fellowship Hall - Foundry Courtyard. Pastor Richard will be hosting a short devotional with time to fellowship, socially distanced of course! Please wear a mask, park in the north lot under the solar panels, and enter at the north gate. These devotional services will continue through October.

**NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY.** There are several ways you can celebrate World Communion Sunday, in-person or online.

1. First, wear attire that represents your ethnicity or nation of origin, or another nation that's special to you.
2. If you're planning to join us online, make your World Communion setup as international as possible.
3. Take pictures of you, your family, and your Communion setup if you'll be joining us at home, post on social media and tag FUMC.
4. If you would like to participate in the World Communion Sunday offering we invite you to do that by designating a portion of your online offering to the church.

**SEVERAL SMALL GROUPS ARE MEETING ON ZOOM RIGHT NOW AND A REFUEL BIBLE STUDY IS OFFERED ON FACEBOOK LIVE,** Wednesday nights at 7:30PM. Andrew is leading a group discussion in 1 Peter. Please join us Wednesday nights on Facebook Live! For info on other small groups, please contact the church office.

**Communication Card:** Thank you to all who are filling out the online communication card! It helps us know which of our members are able to join us online and who is not, and gives you an opportunity to communicate with us as well. By **clicking "add additional online attendee"** you can register any human watching with you (husband, wife, children, grandparents, neighbors, etc.). Please register your attendance anytime you view the worship service, especially before the following Tuesday morning when the office staff takes the final count.

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**Your ministry staff members love and care about you and everyone** in our First Church family! Our office is staffed during this time, and hours remain 9 am – 4 pm Monday through Thursday, and 9 am to 1 pm on Fridays.