

Worship for October 3

WELCOME

Crop Walk Announcement

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are the ones who hunger for justice,

For they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the ones who thirst for righteousness,

For they will drink deeply of the cup of joy.

Blessed are the ones who yearn for reconciliation,

For they will find peace.

Blessed are the ones who are persecuted,

For theirs is the commonwealth of heaven.

Blessed are we – for Christ calls us to this table

To feast and rejoice, for there is room for all.

OPENING MUSIC – *Intermezzo in B-flat (op. 76 No. 4)* Johannes Brahms
Michael Parker, piano

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion and mercy, we are your wounded and wounding children. We bring our wounded selves, our divided society, and our broken world, seeking your healing and transforming grace. It is easy for us to point the finger at others, yet we know that we all need your forgiveness. So, we lift into your presence today, not only the victims of conflicts, but also those we have called enemies. Break down the walls of hatred, distrust and bitterness and open a way for us to reach one another in truth and love. Enable us to build a society where all can belong; to share our gifts in mutual respect and to seek for the new future which you offer us, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

from Corrymeela Community in Northern Ireland

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

HYMN – *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, Hymn 20

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

SCRIPTURE READING – Exodus 2:23 – 3:12

²³ After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery, and cried out. Out of the slavery their cry for help rose up to God. ²⁴ God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁵ God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

Moses at the Burning Bush

3 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."

SERMON – *God Remembers*

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

**ANTHEM - *A Gaelic Blessing*, John Rutter
Chancel Choir**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

**David Wallace - "Giving Generously for the God Moments in Our Lives"
"Handy Hands Ministry" Video**

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CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, through this bread and cup you have made us one with you and with each other. May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out into your suffering and divided world. Help us find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace, will always be with us. Amen.

HYMN – *Fairest Lord Jesus*, Hymn 630

BENEDICTION