

11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 8, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.

OPENING WORSHIP SONG.....*“Love the Lord”*
WELCOME.....*Jim Loeffler*
INVOCATION
PRELUDE.....*“Everlasting God”*
“FAITH”*Pastor Keith*
PRAISE & WORSHIP.....*“I Will Follow”*
“Lord Over All”

OFFERING A PRAYER OF OUR GIFTS & THANKS TO GOD

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE (Hebrews 11:23-29).....*Gordy Locke*

THE BEAUTY OF SINAI

SPECIAL MUSIC.....*“How Great Thou Art” (“How Great Is Our God”)*.....*Phil Gotham*

MESSAGE.....*Pastor Keith*

“Giants of the Faith: Moses”

A Roadmap of Faith, Life & the People of God
Exodus 3:1-10

RESPONDING TO GOD’S LOVE.....*“Holy Ground/Awesome God”*

BENEDICTION/BLESSING

EXIT SONG*“Everlasting God”*

Giants of the Faith: **MOSES**

A ROADMAP OF FAITH, LIFE & THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Exodus 3:1-10

From the time of his birth and miraculous survival to his last and dying days (120 years later), Moses was **born of God** to be a traveler, a sojourner of faith and a guide to generations of God's people... Moses was uniquely prepared and faithful in his obedience and relationship with GOD ALMIGHTY --- the maker and creator of the universe. Moses had the gift of writing and recording the adventures of his life and his relationship with God.

We are blessed to have this ANCIENT narrative as recorded in the first five books of the Bible which are generally believed to be predominantly written by Moses --- (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy) so that we might look, learn from, and APPLY it our lives and our world today.

SCRIPTURE READING: EXODUS 3:1-10 “*Moses with God at the Burning Bush*”

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.”

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.

⁷ THE LORD SAID, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey ...

. ¹⁰ **SO NOW GO. I AM SENDING YOU TO PHARAOH TO BRING MY PEOPLE OUT OF EGYPT.**”

SERMON NOTES:

When I think of Moses ... I think **FOR A PURPOSE**

1. SAVED from death FOR A PURPOSE
2. PREPARED from birth FOR A PURPOSE
3. FORCED-OUT, DISPLACED, AND SAVED FOR A PURPOSE
4. HEALED & FORGED in the desert of Midian FOR A PURPOSE
5. INVITED & CHARGED WITH A MISSION FOR A PURPOSE
6. EFFECTIVELY THE MAYOR & SPIRITUAL LEADER OF 6,000,000 PEOPLE FOR A PURPOSE
7. ENABLED WITH PERSEVERING & ENDURING COMMITMENT TO HIS RESPONSIBILITY FOR A PURPOSE

POINT: GOD ORCHESTRATES AND USES ALL OF LIFE'S CIRCUMSTANCES FOR A PURPOSE:

- + A PURPOSE TO HELP US GROW AND DEVELOP
- + A PURPOSE TO HELP THOSE AROUND US
- + A PURPOSE FOR THE SAKE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

HOW IS IT WE SHOULD LIVE SO THAT WE MIGHT LIVE LIKE MOSES AND BE LIKE MOSES?

Deuteronomy 30:15-16

- + To LOVE THE LORD OUR GOD
- + To WALK IN OBEDIENCE TO GOD
- + To KEEP God's commands, decrees, and laws

“... THEN WILL LIVE AND INCREASE, and the Lord your God WILL BLESS YOU ...”

BUT BEWARE:

Deuteronomy 34:17-20

- + DO NOT TURN AWAY (you need to be connected to God)
- + YOU WILL NOT MAKE IT – YOU WILL BE OVERWHELMED & DESTROYED
- + CHOOSE GOD --- LOVE, LISTEN, & HOLD FAST

NOW --- Let's consider today's Scripture Text as a part of Moses Roadmap for us --- how we might be drawn to God and called by God FOR GOD's PURPOSES.

APPLICATIONS FOR US: References to Exodus 3:1-10 and Exodus 19

ARE YOU TUNED IN AND SEEING? ARE YOU RESPONDING?:

- + GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOU AND ME AND FOR SHUMC!
- + HOW HAS YOUR PAST PREPARED YOU FOR YOUR FUTURE?
- + HAVE YOU ALLOWED GOD's LESSONS THRU LIFE & FAITH TO FORGE YOU AND MAKE YOU?
- + DO YOU LIVE ACCORDINGLY?
- + ARE YOU WILLING TO ACCEPT THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD's INVITATION AND THE RESPONSIBILITY TO FACE YOUR PAST AND TO MOVE INTO AN UNCLEAR FUTURE? WILLING TO FOLLOW A CLOUD BY DAY AND A FIRE BY NIGHT?
- + ARE WE PREPARED TO COME INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD ALMIGHTY – HOW GREAT THOU ART

MOSES CHOSE:

1. TO FOLLOW GOD & TO REMAIN TRUE TO THE FAITH OF HIS UPBRINGING – **SO CAN WE**
2. TO LEAVE THE FAMILIAR AND THE COMFORTABLE TO BE KEPT BY GOD IN THE DESERT OF MIDIAN ... FOR HIM -- A PLACE OF LIFE, NOT DEATH – **SO CAN WE**
3. TO BE FORMED AND TAUGHT BY SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY AT THE PLACE OF HEALING --- **SO CAN WE**
4. TO RETURN TO THE PLACE OF HIS BIRTH (EGYPT) FOR A PURPOSE --- TO LEAD & TEACH & GUIDE GOD's PEOPLE FROM CAPTIVITY TO FREEDOM– **SO CAN WE**

SUMMARIZING POINTS:

GOD HAS A PROMISE & A PURPOSE FOR YOU, FOR ME and FOR SHUMC

HOW HAS YOUR PAST – OUR PAST PREPARED US FOR THE FUTURE WE NOW FACE?

HAVE YOU AND WE ALLOWED THE DESERTS OF OUR LIFE TO TEACH US AND PREPARE US?

DO YOU, DO I, AND DO WE LIVE ACCORDING TO GOD's COMMANDS, DECREES, and DIRECTIONS?

AS WE STAND ON THE HOLY GROUND OF GOD's CALL ... WHAT WILL WE DECIDE?

IS GOD PROUD OF YOU AND THE LIVES OF FAITH THAT YOU (AND WE) ARE LIVING?

HOW CAN WE LIVE LIKE A MOSES IN OUR WORLD TODAY?

AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE?



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The online event takes place on Tuesday, August 10.

You have 12 hours to make your donation.

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September 11th at 6:00 p.m. a **BAND OF BROTHERS MEN'S GAME NIGHT** is being planned with pizza, pop, corn hole, jarts, RC race cars and more fun! Please sign up in the narthex as we need to know how many pizzas to purchase!



Sunday, August 22 at 10:00 a.m.

WORSHIP AT CAMP FINDLEY

This year, SHUMY is going to Camp Findley in Findley Lake, NY on Aug. 20-22 for our Summer Retreat, **WORSHIP, and picnic, too!**

We will have our regular Sunday Worship Service at Camp Findley – so there will be no one in the pews at SHUMC that Sunday.

Join us for the free picnic afterwards. Sign-up sheet in the narthex.



BUS TRIP TO CREATION MUSEUM & ARK ENCOUNTER

2 days – October 20-21 and the cost is \$419 per person/double occupancy

Register on your own directly with Anderson Travel (space is limited) 1-800-345-3435 or

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Sweet & Salty Bible Study with Diane Senger meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Let Diane know as she makes reservations for dinner. **Aug.'s schedule:** Aug. 12 – Devotion/Fellowship/Prayers at Cindy Furey's home, 1122 E. 42nd St.; Aug. 19 – Picnic Dinner/Devotion @ Frontier Park on 8th St., with a prayer walk in the labyrinth; Aug. 26 – Devotion/Fellowship/Prayer at Liz Doleski's home



The youth are having a fundraiser for their retreat at Findley Lake. We are asking that you bring in your old metal which we will turn into cash. All proceeds will go towards the retreat. Bring in anything from the list below to the dumpster in the SHUMC parking lot. We will, also, pick up items at your home. They must be on ground level. See or call Sue Fuller at 814-969-1649 so she can put you on the list.

ITEMS WE ARE COLLECTING:

1. Metal Furniture: chairs, bed frames, file cabinets
2. Old Restaurant Equipment, Stainless Steel
3. Copper, Brass, LED Electric Wiring, Electric Motors, Transformers
4. All Appliances: washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers, etc.
5. Motor Vehicles, Farm Equipment, Old Lawn Mowers, Car Parts, Machinery, etc.
6. Car/Truck Batteries
7. Aluminum Siding, Cans, etc.
8. Old Metal Tools, Bolts, Screws, etc.



OPEN TO ALL -- THURSDAY GOLF OUTINGS at Scenic Heights Golf Course @ 5:30 pm **every Thursday** evening. Questions? Call Gary Faulhaber (814) 881-7308 or Gordy Locke (719) 640-7644.



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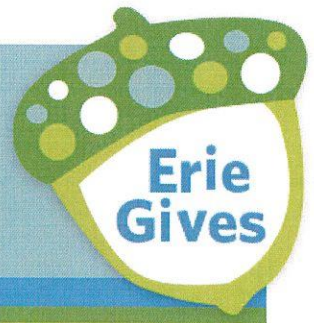
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