



October 9, 2016 11:15 a.m.

*Gathering Songs #405* “Praise God for This Holy Ground”

*#406* “We Are Standing on Holy Ground”

*Welcome and Living Our Faith*

*Call to Worship*

God calls from burning bush and whirlwind,

**in the stillness of night, and in sheer silence.**

God calls, saying: “Turn aside to this holy ground.”

**We come seeking God’s presence, God’s guidance, God’s comfort.**

God calls each of us, as God called the prophets of old.

**We respond, “Here I am!”**

So come – God is calling!

**Let us worship God!**

*Song #389* “Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord”

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

One: Compassionate God – who hears the cries of the oppressed and downtrodden –  
in every age you raise up leaders to continue your work.

***Right: Long ago you looked on the misery of your people, and sent Moses to  
lead them out of bondage.***

***Left: Still you speak, calling us to bring good news to the poor and proclaim  
release to the captives.***

**All: Forgive us when we resist your call, and ignore the cries of the oppressed.**

***Right: Open our ears to hear your voice, and our eyes to look upon neighbors  
in need.***

***Left: Transform our hearts and stir us to respond with compassion,***

**All: that we may be instruments of your justice and peace.**

*Silent Prayer*

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

*Response #448*                    "Peace of God Be with You"

*Passing the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Response #456*                    "Listen, God Is Calling"

*Telling of the Scripture Story*      Exodus 3:1-10  
*Sue Linderman, Storyteller*  
*Westminster By Heart*

*Response #456*                    "Listen, God Is Calling"

*Message*                    "Summoned: Moses and the Burning Bush"      Greg Jones

*Song #410*                    "God Is Calling through the Whisper"

*Offering*

*"Vocation is the place where our deep gladness meets the world's deep need."*

– Frederick Buechner

*During our time of offering, we encourage you to reflect upon your own sense of call. Where do you see brokenness in this world? How is God nudging you to respond to the pain, injustice, or suffering you see? How has the Spirit equipped you to respond? What is the place where your deep gladness meets the world's deep need?*

*We invite you to write on the leaf a word or phrase that represents your sense of call, and to offer this to God by placing it at the base of the Burning Bush.*

*Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.*

Song #288

“Spirit of the Living God”

*Prayers of the People*

*Sending*

Response #747

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

*Following the service, we invite you to join us in the Meeting Room for coffee, tea, and fellowship.*

***We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning.*** Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our Traditional Service, held in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m., includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children’s Message. Our Alternative Service, Living Mosaics, is held in Rodney Chapel at 11:15 a.m. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon.

***Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone’s day.*** Today’s flowers are given in celebration of the marriage of Andrew McPheeters and Katherine Tabor on Friday, October 7 in Alexandria, Virginia.

***Please remember in your prayers*** Peggy Cartmell and Julie Petrovick, who were recently hospitalized.

***Children are welcome in worship.*** You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.

***Image:*** Moses and the Burning Bush by Marc Chagall [http://www.wikiart.org/en/marc-chagall/moses-and-the-burning-bush-1966?utm\\_source=returned&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_campaign=referral](http://www.wikiart.org/en/marc-chagall/moses-and-the-burning-bush-1966?utm_source=returned&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=referral)

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