

Sunday, September 20th

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: From whirlwind and burning bush, in still of night and in sheer silence,

People: God calls the faithful to sacred work.

Leader: Beckoning us to turn aside, inviting us to stand on holy ground,

People: God welcomes the faithful into sacred space.

Leader: Come, God is calling.

People: Let us worship the Lord.

Hymn #692 – Spirit, Open My Heart

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart. God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender. All my coldness
and fear to your grace I now surrender.*

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart. Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story. In each thought,
word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.*

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart. May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother. In the welcome
of Christ, may we welcome one another.*

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you instruct us to hate what is evil and hold fast to that which is good. You tell us to love genuinely, ardently, fully. You teach us to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice, and yet we neglect those who suffer and resent the successes of others. We fail to honor one another and fall easily into judgment, anger and revenge. In your abundant mercy, break our hearts of stone and put a new and right spirit within us. Grant us the eyes to see our own sin and the strength of character to be gentle with others. Do not let our Christian witness be tarnished by our inability to admit our mistakes, make amends and alter our ways. Forgive us, Lord, and set us free to follow you more closely, even to the cross. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Special Music

Prayer of Illumination

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Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “The Burning Bush”

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third
day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn #69 – I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my
light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I
will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn
away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord,
if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will
save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I
send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead
me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response: Hymn #726 – Will You Come and Follow Me, verse 5

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be
the same. In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I’ll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.*

Postlude

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP


692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
F B^b F B^b C7



Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
Dm F/C B^b C7 Dm F/C Gm



liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
F B^b Gm7 F B^b F



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)
F B^b F B^b




- 1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
- 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
- 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
C7 Dm F/C B^b C7



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
Dm Gm7 F B^b2 B^b



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

to Refrain

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

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 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.