

**Order of Worship**  
September 3rd, 2023 ~ 14th Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

*String Quartet Rosamunda I. Allegro ma non troppo*  
Franz Schubert

**Welcome**

**Hymn of Praise**

*I Will Praise Him Still*  
WS #130

**Verse 1**

When the morning falls on the farthest hill  
I will sing His name I will praise Him still  
When dark trials come and my heart is filled  
With the weight of doubt I will praise Him still

For the Lord our God He is strong to save  
From the arms of death from the deepest grave  
And He gave us life in His perfect will  
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**Gathering Prayer**

**Special Music**

*String Quartet Rosamunda II. Andante*  
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## Scripture Reading

### **Exodus 3:1-15**

**NIV**

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."

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—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. 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 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.'"

15 God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

"This is my name forever,  
the name you shall call me  
from generation to generation.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## Sermon

*Tough Choices, Rough Places*

Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Robert de Wetter

## Offertory

## Communion

## 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*



## Closing Hymn

You Are My Hiding Place  
RH #700

### Chorus

You are my hiding place  
You always fill my heart  
With songs of deliverance  
Whenever I am afraid  
I will trust in You

### Bridge

I will trust in You  
Let the weak say I am strong  
In the strength of the Lord

### Chorus

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### Bridge

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## Blessing

### Postlude

*String Quartet Rosamunda IV. Allegro Moderato*  
Franz Schubert

## *Our love in action now begins*

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This Sunday's Special Music is  
brought to you by

**MinTze Wu, violin; Delaney  
Meyers, violin; Jay Yiu, viola;  
Michael Graham, cello,**  
and Micha Schoepe & Paul  
Dankers..

*Thank you to all of this Sunday's  
volunteers!*

Altar - Judi Loubier  
Greeters - Sherry Sultanfuss,  
Tom Sultanfuss  
9am Scripture Reader and  
Prayers - Tom Sultanfuss  
10:30am Scripture Reader - Kim  
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