

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

**Prelude**

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

**Welcome, Announcements, and Peace**

**Call to Worship**

Come, bless the Lord who guides us,  
whose wise teaching directs our days  
and focuses our minds at night;  
whose presence sustains us  
and surrounds us here.

**We bless the Lord who is present among us.  
We will not be shaken or live in fear,  
but will sing God's praise  
and worship with joy!  
Amen.**

**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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**Opening Prayer**

To God be all glory,  
the One who visits us in three persons,  
the Holy Trinity of hope and love.  
For there is no place which is without you, O God,  
and no time when you are not there.  
For you are the beginning and the end,  
the source of all that is  
in the wonder of universal life.  
And yet, you take us by the hand and lead us,  
as the life of Christ walks our human way  
and shows us that life is stronger than death.  
In the Holy Spirit, we are gifted, again and again,  
and are called onwards toward a future  
in which we are surrounded with love and grace,  
We praise and worship you, O God,  
for there is no other God like you. **Amen.**

## Special Music

*String Quartet Rosamunda II. Andante*  
Franz Schubert

## 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

## Pastoral Prayer

## Prayers of the People

## Offertory

*String Quartet Rosamunda III. Menuetto*  
Franz Schubert

## Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost  
Amen**

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## 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

#### 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

#### Bridge

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

Michael Ledner

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## Closing Prayer

Almighty God, we give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages.  
**Amen.**

~ adapted BCP

## Blessing

## Postlude

*String Quartet Rosamunda IV. Allegro Moderato*  
Franz Schubert

## *Our love in action now begins*

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**viola; Michael Graham, cello,** Altar - Judi Loubier  
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10:30am Scripture Reader - Kim Rogers

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