

## Sunday, October 18, 2020

**Greeting:** God is good **all the time**. All the time **God is good**.

### Question of the Day:

What does Moses see of God? a) back b) face c) hand d) feet

**Hymn** “Glory to God Forever”

### Call to Worship

Lord, you have welcomed us, saying, “I know you by name, and you have found favor with me.”

**Lord, you have promised us,**

**“My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”**

Lord, you have blessed us, saying, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you.”

**Lord, you have humbled us, saying,**

**“I will proclaim my holy name in your presence.”**

### Prayer of Invocation

**Great and awesome God, allow us to sense your presence within and among us, that we may know we are your people. By your Spirit let us experience your glory. Amen.**

### Exodus 33:12-23 *The Message*

Moses said to GOD, “Look, you tell me, ‘Lead this people,’ but you don’t let me know whom you’re going to send with me. You tell me, ‘I know you well and you are special to me.’ If I am so special to you, let me in on your plans. That way, I will continue being special to you. Don’t forget, this is *your* people, your responsibility.”

GOD said, “My presence will go with you. I’ll see the journey to the end.”

Moses said, “If your presence doesn’t take the lead here, call this trip off right now. How else will it be known that you’re with me in this, with me and your people? Are you traveling with us or not? How else will we know that we’re special, I and your people, among all other people on this planet Earth?”

GOD said to Moses: “All right. Just as you say; this also I will do, for I know you well and you are special to me. I know you by name.”

Moses said, “Please. Let me see your Glory.”

GOD said, “I will make my Goodness pass right in front of you; I’ll call out the name, GOD, right before you. I’ll treat well whomever I want to treat well and I’ll be kind to whomever I want to be kind.”

GOD continued, “But you may not see my face. No one can see me and live.”

GOD said, “Look, here is a place right beside me. Put yourself on this rock. When my Glory passes by, I’ll put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with my hand until I’ve passed by. Then I’ll take my hand away and you’ll see my back. But you won’t see my face.”

### Psalm 99 *NRSV*

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.  
He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;  
they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.  
O LORD our God, you answered them;  
you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.  
Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;  
For the LORD our God is holy.

**Response:** *The Word of God, for the people of God! Thanks be to God!*

## **Time of Prayer**

### **How Is It With Your Soul?**

#### **Call to Confession**

The Lord says: "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." Let us now confess our sin, casting ourselves on the promised mercy and compassion of God.

#### **Prayer of Confession**

The Lord reigns! **Majestic God, do we tremble in awe before you?** *(Time of silent prayer.)*  
The Lord reigns! **Worthy God, have we raised your name in praise?** *(Time of silent prayer.)*  
The Lord reigns! **Sovereign God, have we executed justice?** *(Time of silent prayer.)*  
The Lord reigns! **We bow before you, holy God. Forgive us. Cleanse us. Free us.**  
Let us join with Jesus in praying:

#### **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **Answer to the Question of the Day**

**Time of Offering** *Thank you to everyone for your faithful generosity.*

#### **Offering Prayer**

**O God, we bring to you the gifts of our financial resources, our abilities, our time, and our desire to extend a helping hand. Employ our offerings to your glory. Amen.**

**Message** "Limited Vision" Rev. Joyce Rich

## **Blessing**

May God tuck us securely into the cleft of the rock of our salvation, Jesus Christ.

**May we sense the inexpressible awe of God's glory passing over us.**

And may we rest in the peace that passes all understanding,  
now and forevermore. Amen. **And Amen.**

**Hymn** "Lord of the Dance"

## **Announcements**

**Read For Next Week:** Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17