

SILENT MEDITATION

“Faith consists in being vitally concerned with that ultimate reality to which I give the symbolical name of God. Whoever reflects earnestly on the meaning of life is on the verge of an act of faith.”
- Paul Tillich

GREETINGS AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign Attendance Pad)

PRELUDE *Evening Song* Dr. L. Kovates

CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Sue Murphy

Leader: Moses was drawn by the sight of a burning bush, where God said to him,

People: "Come no closer! Remove your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground."

Leader: The Lord continued,

People: "I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob."

Leader: Moses was afraid and hid his face.

People: But, the Lord continued,

Leader: "I have seen the misery of my people; I have heard their cry, I know their sufferings,

People: I have come to deliver my people out of their bondage."

Leader: Today we stand on holy ground, and again by the grace of God, can be delivered from our bondage.

All: Amen.

+*HYMN #369 *This Is My Father's World*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

+*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*spoken in unison*)

O God, sometimes it is difficult for us to know holy ground, even when we are standing on it. We long for a burning bush, spectacular and unambiguous. Let the fire of your Spirit blaze in our hearts instead. We yearn for the sound of your voice, clear and unmistakable. Let your voice ring clear through the words we say and the utterings of our hearts. We want to know who you are. Let the mystery of your holy name, "I am who I am," speak into the deepest reaches of our hearts. We stand on holy ground, for we stand in your presence. Thank you. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION Mary Sue Murphy

CHILDREN'S CHAT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hurricane Harvey Special Offering: Please help the victims of Hurricane Harvey by donating to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You can do this by using the blue envelopes in the pew or you can go on line to pcusa.org. On the home page is a "donate now" icon.

The PDA Response Team arrived last week to assess the situation, to coordinate aid, and to offer crisis care. We'll receive more direction as the waters recede.

Youth Sunday and Corn Roast - Sunday September 10

The youth of our church will lead us in worship as they reflect on their experiences at New Wilmington Mission Conference. Following the service we will celebrate with a corn roast outside. We will meet in the social hall for worship. Come and rejoice as the Lord works in these young lives.

Congregational Renewal Workshop: The PWR Committee on Vitality is sponsoring a renewal workshop on Saturday, September 16 from 9:30 AM -1:30 PM. The event will take place at Rocky River Presbyterian Church and the cost is \$5 for lunch. Please see Rev. Mark for registration and further details.

Women's Fellowship Retreat: There is a Christian Women Retreat on September 22-24 being held at Camp Asbury in the Shaw Retreat Center. The event takes place in Hiram and the cost is \$103 which includes 5 meals and 2 nights lodging. If you would like further details about this uplifting opportunity please see Laura Dory.

Coffee with The Word - An exciting new program has been created for all the women of our church and community, no matter their faith background. This ministry will focus on the life changing power of the Word for our lives.

Our gatherings will be held every other month in the dining room and we will be provided with coffee, tea and various treats. We begin Saturday, September 23 from 11 AM until 1 PM.

This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the Word and build fellowship with women. Please invite all your female relatives, friends and neighbors. I look forward to a wonderful time!

Manual of Operations: The Personnel Team is currently working on a Manual of Operations for Parma-South. The purpose for this Manual is to have a document that includes all information required to keep Parma-South running smoothly. As part of this project, the Team needs your help. We want to include detailed instructions on all recurring events and projects done within the Church – things like Tidings, Vacation Bible School, etc. If you execute any event or project, please forward the instructions to Mary Sue Murphy at msmgrandma@gmail.com or put in the Personnel Team mailbox in the workroom. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please let me know. Thank you.

Tidings: The September edition of TIDINGS is available in the Narthex, Workroom and the Library for your convenience. Copies also can be found online: www.parma-south.org.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, September 3

10:00 AM – Communion Service

Monday, September 4 – LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

BUILDING/OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 5

8:45 AM – Men's Bowling – Freeway Lanes

11:00 AM – Caring Team – Parlor

7:00 PM – Mission Team – MPR

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts - Gym

Wednesday, September 6

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

10:30 AM – Al-Anon – MPR

Thursday, September 7

8:45 AM – Men's Bowling – Freeway Lanes

Saturday, September 9

9:00 AM – Men's Square – Pappou's Restaurant

Sunday, September 10 – Youth Sunday

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:00 AM – Corn Roast / Picnic

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The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of

Marilyn Weiss

John W. Kuhn

Dorothy and William Kuhn

Chancel Flowers are placed in Loving Memory of

Our Grandmothers, Isabella Alford, Virgie Aliff,

Josephine R. Indovina and Auguste M. Lajewsky

by The Indovina Family

Our Grandparents, Ralph and Ellie by the Stucky Family

Upcoming September Events:

Saturday, September 9 Men's Square

Sunday, September 10 Youth Sunday and Corn Roast

Monday, September 11 Life Groups resume

Sunday, September 17 Messy Church resumes

Saturday, September 23 Inaugural meeting of *Coffee with "The Word"*

Vacation: Vickie, our Office Administrator will be on vacation September 14 – 20, back in the office on Thursday, September 21. If you have anything that will need her attention, please get it to her as quickly as possible.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Sentence

Offertory *Maranatha*

Anonymous

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 3:1-15

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SERMON "What's In a Name"

***HYMN** #525 Let Us Break Bread Together

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Communion Litany

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution and Reception of Elements

***HYMN** #687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

May the God of Hope God with Us

#765

May the God of hope go with us every day;
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear
Christ's call.

POSTLUDE *Praise God*

Anonymous

This Morning's Ushers:

Ann Kasner, Carol Werner, Kathy Zietlow, Mary Sue Murphy

"WHAT'S IN A NAME"

September 3, 2017 Exodus 3:1-15

Life Group Study Guide

Notes from Worship Service

1. I believe Exodus 3 is the centerpiece of the Old Testament, if not the entire Bible. All that comes before and all that comes after, flows from this story.
2. We have a God of promise. This creates a great tension and crisis of faith. Is God one who we can trust to keep his promises?
3. We see a God who has been touched by the pain of his people and decides to do something about it. By hitching his wagon to Moses, God will now have to work in and through Moses' frailties and strengths. God is willing to work with what he's got.
4. God tells Moses, "I am being, I am the living God who is life itself."
5. The Lord is the God of possibility. God does not come to consume us but to transform us by offering a new possibility and fresh start.

Life Group Homework

1. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. How do we picture God? What do we believe God's characteristics to be?
3. How does our image of God shape our interaction with God? With others?

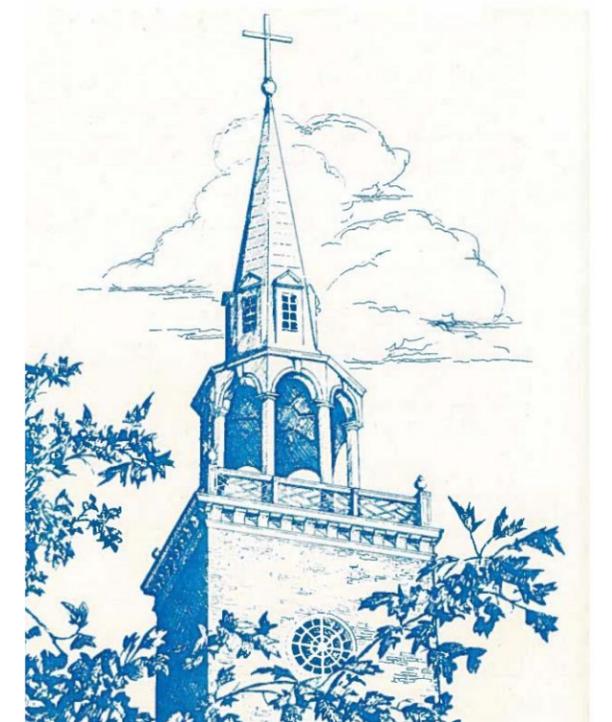
Read Exodus 3:1-15

4. Why do you think God chose Moses?
5. Why do you think God chose you?
6. What questions would we like to ask God?

Life Practice: Read Exodus 3 each day this week. Ask God to reveal more of him through it. Ask how it might shape your own calling.

Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Changing lives through Christ



September 3, 2017

2017 Theme Verse

"But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." – Isaiah 40:31

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*Those who are able, please stand
+Appropriate time for the Ushers to seat latecomers