

David's UCC on August 30, 2020
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Online Worship Bulletin



Opening Music – (please note – the music will play approximately 10 minutes prior to 10:00 a.m.)

"Holy, Holy, Holy" John B. Dykes, arr. Lani Smith

"Go Down, Moses" Traditional Spiritual, arr. Bob Walters

"He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought!" Wm. B. Bradbury,
arr. Robert J. Powell

"Holy Ground" Geron Davis, arr. Tim Conyers

Welcome – *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

Call to Worship – *Emily Phillips*

One: Surprising God, you have a habit of showing up where we least expect you.

Many: You show up in a burning bush, in the face of an enemy, in a livestock feed trough, and on a rough wooden cross.

One: God, we ask that you help us to see you this morning in this time of worship.

Many: Help us to fully embrace your surprises even as we revel in the joy of being fully embraced.

One: We pray in the name of your most wonderful surprise of all, Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

Invocation –

Children's Moment –

A Word about Giving/Support – www.davidsucc.org

Special Music – *Tim Williams & Lyn Morton*

"El Shaddai" Michael Card and John Thompson, arr. Lani Smith

Call to Confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession – **God of Mystery, we are constantly amazed by the depth and breadth of your love. Over and over again, you turn our expectations inside out and upside down. And still we don't understand the radical nature of your grace. We play by our own rules of justice, even when it means excluding those we are called to love and defend. In our darkest**

moments, we doubt if we are worthy of your trust. God, help us remember that you give us all the tools we need; that through the solid foundation of your love, we find the strength to follow your call as disciples of Jesus Christ. Surprise us again, O God. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon –

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers and Lord's Prayer –

Hymn – "Here I am, Lord"

(Tim & Lyn will play while you sing, together, at home.)

- 1. 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.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. 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.**

Scripture –

Hebrew: Exodus 3: 1 – 15

Epistle: Romans 12: 9 – 21

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21 – 28

Sermon – "God's Response to Suffering"

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" Traditional Spiritual,
arr. Lani Smith

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