



# *Go DOWN MOSES!*

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**

**Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.**

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## **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

Janelle Arnett Campbell, Accompanist

**WELCOME AND PRAYER**

Nancy Grittman, Worship Leader

**\*HYMN #16**

*God is here among us*

# STORYTELLING

CHILDREN'S TIME

Tara Lindahl

SCRIPTURE WITH INTRODUCTION

Exodus 2:1-10

SERMON

*Meeting Moses again for the first time*

PRAYER

**Leader:** Holy Spirit, Life-giver, we recall before you this day those women, known and unknown, who have used the power and gifts you gave them to change the world for good. Grant that, with their example in mind, we may find that same power in ourselves and use our gifts to build your kingdom of justice and peace.

**Women:** We recall Eve, symbol of that ability to create.

**Men:** We recall Sarah, who with Abraham answered God's call to leave her homeland and place her faith in a covenant with the Lord.

**Women:** We recall Hagar, who shunned oppression and exploitation, and dared to talk to the Lord and give a name to God.

**Men:** We recall Esther and Deborah, who saved a nation through their acts of valor.

**Women:** We recall Mary, Mother of God, who became God's accomplice in setting all people free.

**Men:** We recall Mary Magdalene and the other women, who faced disbelief when they announced Jesus' resurrection.

**Women:** We recall Phoebe and Priscilla, and the other women who were leaders of the early Church.

**Leader:** We recall Hilda and Julian and Hildegard, abbesses and mystics who kept faith and knowledge alive. We recall Teresa of Avila and Catherine of Siena, who challenged corruption and renewed the Church. We recall Sojourner Truth, Harriett Tubman, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, liberators and prophets of the nineteenth century.

**All:** *We recall all women, whose lives give shape to ours. May the power at work in them and in all people of faith pass now to us. Come, Holy Spirit.\*\**

## COMMUNITY BUILDING

### SUNDAY SCHOOL INTRODUCTIONS

#### SHARING JOY

*We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

#### SHARING CONCERNS

#### PRAYING TOGETHER (see insert)

#### *O God, Our Words Cannot Express*

*Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.*

#### OFFERING

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*HYMN (see insert)

#### *God, you give each generation*



*Children in K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.*

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*POSTLUDE

\* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Thank you Scott Weast for today's bulletin cover artwork.

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