



## Service of Midday Prayer

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

First Presbyterian Church

### OPENING SENTENCES

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Ps. 124:8

**Maker of heaven and earth.**

Remove the sandals from your feet,

Ex. 3:5

**For the place on which you are standing is holy ground.**

The Lord is my strength and my might,

Ex. 15:2

**And has become my salvation.**

### PSALM 19 (Hymn 61)

### CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

1. Your law, O Lord, is perfect, the simple making wise;  
How pure are your commandments, enlightening my eyes!
2. More to be sought than riches, your words are my soul's wealth;  
Their taste is sweet like honey, imparting life and health.
3. My strength and my redeemer, law-giver and true light,  
My words and meditations, make worthy in your sight.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all who wander in the wilderness,  
you go before us as beacon and guide.  
Lead us through all danger,  
sustain us through all desolation,  
and bring us home to the land  
you have prepared for us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sung Response:

***Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;  
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.***

## REFLECTION

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

HYMN 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

*Refrain*

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

1. You moved on the waters, you called to the deep;  
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep.  
And over the eons you called to each thing,  
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” (Refrain)

2. You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand;  
And you goaded your people with a law and a land.  
When they were confounded with idols and lies,  
Then you spoke through the prophets to open their eyes. (Refrain)
  
3. You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;  
From the bondage of sorrow, the captives dream dreams.  
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions, your people arise. (Refrain)

DISMISSAL

The Lord will reign forever and ever.

Ex. 15:18

**Amen.**

Bless the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**