# THE OLD OLD STORY

OLD TESTAMENT STORIES WE MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN

RUTH • JOSEPH & HIS BROTHERS • SAMSON & DELILAH



JACOB • ESTHER • PROVERBS 31 • JONAH • DAVID & GOLIATH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Please sign and pass the friendship pad to your neighbor.

PRELUDE

Rondeau on "Royal Oak"

Michael Helman (b. 1956)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

Holy, as in "set apart," a call to come together for worship and community.

Holy as in "God is here," which is every day.

Whether it is Sunday or Tuesday, God's time is holy.

We are *kairos* people, not chronos people, our holy God is in all time.

Let us worship the Lord, who is here with us now!

\*HYMN (songbook)

Children's Song Medley

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Boyd Lien

God of the Exodus and Giver of the Commandments, we admit that sometimes we forget how to live with one another. We observe most of your laws, but not all. We act as if only a few apply to us, forgetting there are many ways to commit these sins. Sometimes we add to your list. We take our petty grievances and turn them into "laws": thou shalt not disagree with me on social media or you will be canceled; though shall not love dogs when I love cats; honor thy traffic lane and do not cut off your neighbor's car. Lord, give us hearts as generous as yours, and as gracious, so that we may learn to live in love in accordance with your ways.

\*SILENT PRAYER

\*DECLARATION OF PARDON (inspired by Psalm 107)

We do not even realize the number of our sins. They are too frequent and numerous and common for us to notice. Yet God, who feels each cut, forgives the wounds we cause. In Christ, there is healing and the offer of a new day to try again.

God, in Christ, remembers our sins no more. Thanks be to God for his steadfast love! Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND LABORS

OFFERTORY Trust in Jesus

Raymond Haan (b. 1938)

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMISSIONING OF MDO & PRESCHOOL TEACHERS

Dr. Casto-Waters & Mrs. Anna Sanders

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Ms. Joy Maple & Ms. Makenzie Landrum

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-17

**SERMON** 

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...singing our praise for your great love...

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...joyfully celebrate that mystery we call faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

...And we will offer the prayer of your Son with one voice, saying:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us go with God to offer life to those around us.

We will gather up the broken to offer them healing.

Let us go with Jesus to wrap people in hope.

We will reach out to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless.

Let us go with the Spirit to love all those in our midst who have been forgotten.

We will take them in our arms and welcome them to our hearts. Amen.

\*HYMN (songbook) Sent Forth by God's Blessing

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Voluntary on ST. MAGNUS

Charles Callahan (1951—2023)

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**Communion**—Communion today is by intinction. Exit your pew via the center aisle and come forward to the front, receiving the bread from the server and dipping it in the cup. Alternatively, individualized elements are available on each side. After you have been served, return to your seat via the outside aisle. If you wish to receive from your seat, lift a hand and the servers will bring the elements to you.

<sup>\*</sup>All who are able please stand

# **Participating in Worship**



**Preacher**Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Worship Leaders Rev. Boyd Lien Ms. Joy Maple Mrs. Anna Sanders

Musicians

Mr. S.C. Toe Dr. Wayne Lord Summer Choir

Friendship Pad Pick-up Jane Houston

#### Ushers

Reab Berry Richard Welsh David McLeod Michael Harper Bert Gary

William Harper Brannon Sell Reab Berry, Jr Harry Welsh

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