

## Bible Reading for September 20

**Exodus 16:11-15** <sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’” <sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

### Discussion Questions

• *The Hebrew people are unhappy, and they complain to Moses. As you read this week, notice what they are asking for. Is their complaint really about not having food to eat, or is there something larger at stake here?* • *Remember that they had to leave Egypt quickly, without time to even let their bread rise before they departed. Think about how you feel when you are hungry or uncertain of the future. How would you have reacted if you were there with them?* • *What does it mean for you to trust God to provide for your daily needs?*

I would love to hear about what God is showing you in your reading. Call 256-353-6941 or email [miriam@centralunitedmethodist.com](mailto:miriam@centralunitedmethodist.com) to let me know your thoughts before next Sunday.



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Musical Gift

*Fantasia on "Old Hundredth"*

Wilson

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Rev. Miriam Smith

Prayer Chorus

*Sanctuary*

Thompson

Prayers of the People

Rev. Miriam Smith

**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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory for ever. Amen.**

Bible Reading — Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Rev. Miriam Smith

—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: “I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name. Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power— your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble. At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up, the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.’ You blew with your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?” Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — “Into the Sea”

Rev. Miriam Smith

Choral Response *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Williams

Benediction and Blessing

Rev. Miriam Smith

Musical Gift

*Rejoice and Be Glad*

Barnett

Singers: Doug Maze, Lindy Smith, Chuck Thompson, Susan Thompson  
Organist: Virginia Paul

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## Welcome!

We are so happy to be here together! Here are a few guidelines for how we can worship safely together:

Please stay seated until the ushers come to guide you out of the Sanctuary. If you would like to make your offering while you are here today, there is an offering plate by the door. You may also continue to give using our website or by mailing a check.

In order to help keep everyone safe, please take your bulletins and any trash with you when you leave.

This service will be livestreamed on YouTube and a recording will be posted on social media for watching at a later time.