

## Bible Reading for September 13

**Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21** 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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name. <sup>4</sup>“Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea. <sup>5</sup>The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. <sup>6</sup>Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power— your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy. <sup>7</sup>In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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.’ <sup>10</sup>You blew with your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. <sup>11</sup>“Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders? <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>And Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

### Discussion Questions

• *This week, we follow Moses into the Red Sea, where Pharaoh’s army is drowned. The people of God are on their way! They have left what is known and stepped out in faith to follow where God leads them. You and I probably won’t be called to part seas or walk between walls of water, but God may have already invited us to go with Him somewhere we wouldn’t go otherwise.* • *Has God ever invited you to follow Him into something new or uncomfortable?* • *If so, what did you learn through that experience?* • *If not, what do you hope you would say to Him when He shows up?*

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	<i>The Clarion Call</i>	Smith
Welcome and Announcements		David Kross
Call to Worship		Rev. Miriam Smith
Prayer Chorus	<i>Holy Ground</i>	Davis
Prayers of the People		Rev. Miriam Smith
<b>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</b>		

**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 3:1-15

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.**

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Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

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

Message — “Not Destroyed”

Rev. Miriam Smith

Choral Response

*Here I Am, Lord*

Schutte

Benediction and Blessing

Rev. Miriam Smith

Musical Gift

*Honor and Majesty*

Kendall

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.