



THEN MOSES SAID,

“Now
show
me your
glory.”

EXODUS 33:18

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2020

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Dr. Terry McRoberts

arr. Sikes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Marlie Richardson

Leader: Lord, you have welcomed us, saying, “I know you by name, and you have found favor with me.”

People: *Lord, you have promised us, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”*

Leader: Lord, you have blessed us, saying, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you.”

People: *Lord, you have humbled us, saying, “I will proclaim my holy name in your presence.”*

Leader: Lord, show us your glory!

People: *We worship you!*

MUSIC

Interlude
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Uehlein

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

God of mercy, we place our trust in tangible things — things we can see and touch — and question whether you are really there. Forgive us, Holy One, when we fail to recognize that you are always nearby, patiently waiting for us to recognize your presence and your glory. Help us when we lose our way, and forgive us when we forget to whom we truly belong. Lover of justice, open our eyes to see you; open our ears to hear you; open our hearts to love you; and open our hands to serve you.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: When we cry to God, looking for favor in God’s sight, God answers: “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” In the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus, we are forgiven!

People: *We will rest in God’s mercy! Thanks be to God. Amen.*

#Latecomers may be seated

**Congregation standing, if able*

THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

MINUTE FOR MISSION: A WORD ABOUT STEWARDSHIP

Robert Reeves

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Courtney Bowen

MUSIC

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Chancel Choir Interns | Gabby Rogers, Soloist

African American Spiritual

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marlie Richardson

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 33:12-23

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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HOMILY

"Where is God?"

Rev. Courtney Bowen

RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from "A Brief Statement of Faith"*

Marlie Richardson

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

OFFERING

Rev. Courtney Bowen

*Doxology (Tune: 591)

OLD HUNDRETH

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.

*Dedicatory Prayer

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SENDING

CHARGE

Rev. Courtney Bowen

BENEDICTION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

POSTLUDE

God, the Almighty
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Davidson

