

“Moses spent forty years thinking he was somebody; forty years learning he was nobody;  
and forty years discovering what God can do with a nobody.”  
- Dwight L. Moody, founder of Northfield and Mount Hermon Schools

*\* Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able*  
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LET US GATHER

PRELUDE                      *Come, God, Our Hearts Inspire*                      *E.Broughton*

WELCOME to ALL!

*No matter who you are or where you are on your life’s journey,  
you are welcome here.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT                      *Lead Me, Lord*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come here each Sunday to learn, to discern, and to worship.  
**P: We come to worship God.**  
L: We hope to learn how to parse our lives, our resources, and our focus.  
**P: Give to God what is God’s, and to Caesar what is Caesar’s.**  
L: We hope to discern the will of God and the Direction of the Universe.  
**P: If we could but see God’s face, would we then know God?**  
L: We come to be in awe of Creation, of the brilliance of the Divine.  
**P: We come to be in awe, and to worship.    Amen**

LET US PREPARE

\*HYMN                      *Holy, Holy, Holy*                      *B277*

UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER (trespasses)

**In acknowledgement of Moses’ awe, and of Jesus’ teachings, let us  
pray together: “Our Father...Amen.”**

LET US LISTEN

READINGS                      *Exodus 33:12-33,  
Matthew 22:15-22*

HYMN                      *Rock of Ages*                      B596

REFLECTION    *The Murderer Moses, and the Pedantic Teachings of Jesus*  
*Pastor Mark Harris*

ANTHEM                      *O Lux Beatissima*                      *H.Helvey*

*You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.*

LET US RESPOND

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE                      *Medema*  
Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.  
(twice)  
PRAYER  
(and once more)  
  
L:        Let the people say ...  
P:        **Amen and Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY                      *Faith Mo Bhuartha*

\*DOXOLOGY                      B778 (tune: B780 L.Bourgeois 1551)  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

\*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION

Let us give freely, as we have been given, what has been given to us by God. Amen.

LET US GO FORTH

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| *HYMN            | <i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i> | <i>R246</i>       |
| *BENEDICTION     |                                 |                   |
| *SEVEN FOLD AMEN |                                 | <i>R594</i>       |
| POSTLUDE         | <i>Ancient of Days</i>          | <i>R.J.Hughes</i> |

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| <b>Minister of Music:</b> | <b>Gene Faxon</b>          |
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*Please join us in the Parish House after worship for coffee, this week provided by Kathy McCloy Raleigh.*

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