

SERMON TEXT: Exodus 3: 1-4, 10-12; 4:1-3 (ESV)

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

¹Then Moses answered, "But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, 'The LORD did not appear to you.'" ²The LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff." ³And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it.

SERMON OUTLINE

I. Surprising Call (3:1-4)

II. Reluctant Response (3:10-12)

III. Proof at Hand(4:1-3)

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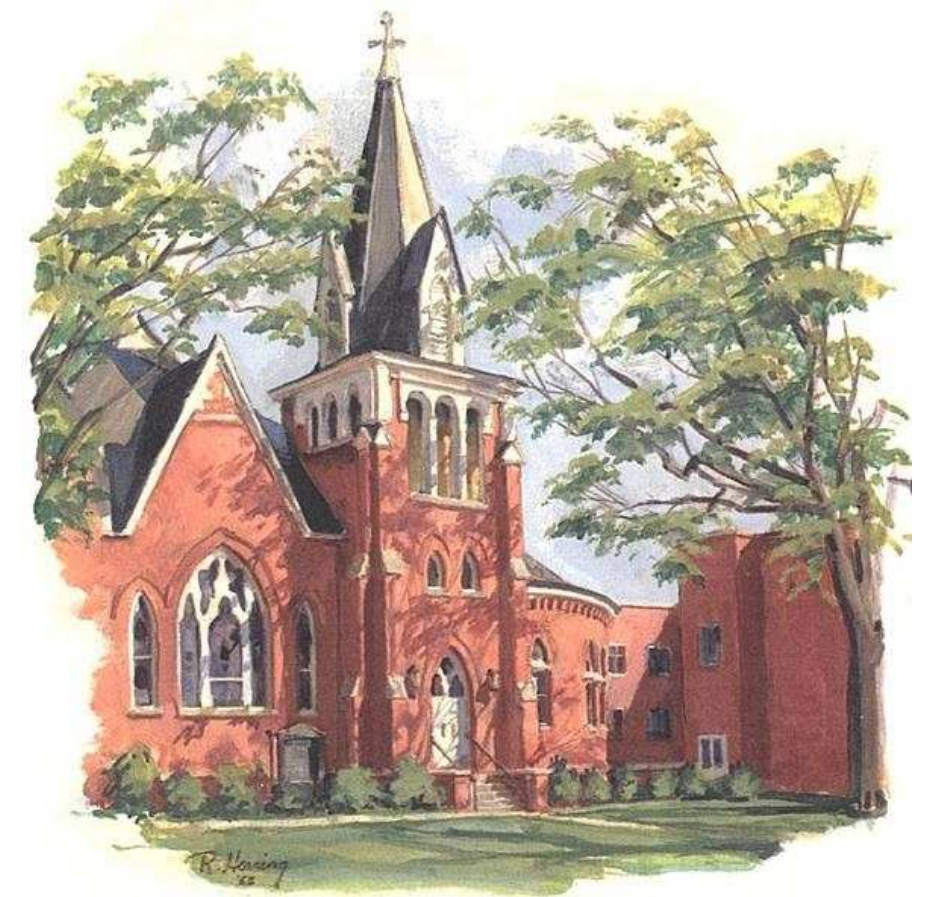
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May 4, 2008 ♦ 6th Sunday after Easter ♦ 11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP.....Dr. Fred A. Coates
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 Invocation

PRELUDE: *A Head That Once Was Crowned*.....Hobby
 Joanne Daykin

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all
 creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

DEACON INSTALLATION

THE WORD OF GOD READ: 1 Peter 2:1-10 p. 217
 Dorothy Campbell

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: *Gathering at the River*.....arr. Edwards

Exaltation Ringers

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**May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly,
as Thou blestest us, to Thee our first-fruits give.**

*Prayer of Dedication

CONFIRMATION AND COMMISSIONING

Presentation of Confirmands

Profession of Faith with Apostles' Creed

1. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
2. Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?
3. Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
4. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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THE WORD OF GOD SEALED

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Words of Institution and Breaking of Bread

Communion of the People

Post-Communion Prayer

***GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

Invitation

Charge and Benediction

Response: *The Lord's Prayer*.....No. 740

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, for ever. Amen.

*POSTLUDE: *Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain*.....Held

* Those who are able, please stand.

Announcements

If you are our guest today, welcome! We're so glad you're here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and/or take home a "Welcome Home" folder from the Parlor. **You can become a FPC member TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with a pastor following the service.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Confirmands by their parents.

Recent Prayer Requests: Clay Brown; Pressley Brawley; Raegan Malinvosky; Levi Thomason, Margaret Sanders' brother; Victor Johnston; Helen Johnston, Pat Culberson; Bob Davidson; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown's father; Joyce Gilland, Jean Coates' sister; Martha Andrews; Jackie Potter; and QM 3 SW Laban Thompson.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Today: All professing and baptized Christians, as well as baptized children instructed in the meaning of the sacrament, are invited to commune today. Please eat the bread and drink the cup as the elements are passed to you. May the risen Christ nourish and feed your soul!

Confirmation Luncheon: The entire congregation is invited to a luncheon in honor of this year's Confirmation Class today, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children, no charge for children under 4; maximum \$15 per family.

Presbyterian Men: On Sunday, May 11, Mothers Day, we will hear the songs of our own gospel singers, *Gideon's Torch*. Check your guns and torches at the door but bring your wife or girl friend. We plan to eat at 8:30 a.m. and be entertained at 9:00 a.m. See you there.

Sunday Schedule Shift : Starting on June 15, our Sunday morning schedule will shift to the following:

Worship 9:00-9:50 a.m.

Church School 10:00-10:45 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Why are we making this Sunday Schedule Shift? We're making this shift so the earlier worship service will be more appealing and accessible, for it is the service with the greatest potential for attendance growth. We're making this shift because for many people, 8:30 a.m. is just too early and a very real psychological barrier exists for them. We're making this shift because Jesus calls us to do what we can to fulfill his mission of "Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples" and reach out to more people in Mooresville and the world. So mark your calendars!

Calendar for May 4-11, 2008

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion and Confirmation
12:15 p.m. - Church luncheon in honor of 2008 Confirmation Class
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Parlor
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
- Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. - Moms in Touch
- Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. - Prayer Group in the library
11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at Sonic
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
6:00 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship at the Golden Corral
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - PYF Mission and a Movie
- Sunday 5/11: **Mother's Day**
8:30 a.m. - Worship
8:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
5:15 p.m. - PYF Alphas & Omegas Combined