

Additional Liturgy for September 3, 2017

For: Cristina Garfield

Suggested Announcements (please edit as desired):

The Presbyterian Women's **VALLEY CLUSTER FALL GATHERING** will be held on Saturday, September 9, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at First Presbyterian Church-Mission. Workshops include "A Year of Biblical Womanhood", "Finding Faith Through Art", and Chair Yoga. Registration is \$6 through Sept. 1 and \$10 thereafter. To register, call or e-mail Kathy at 956-682-2836 or fpcpastorkathy@gmail.com.

COME AND SEE—WHERE JESUS INVITES US INTO LIFE. FPC's "Rally Day 2017" will be Sunday, September 10. Following worship, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for brunch and information about the new curriculum program year at FPC. There's a lot of good stuff coming, so come and see. If you'd like to provide food for the meal, contact Cristina Garfield at 956-378-1650 or cgg2313@aol.com.

The Worship Calling is in need of **VOLUNTEERS FOR USHERS** during Sunday worship services. Normal attrition has left us short-handed. Ushers are organized into teams that rotate from month to month, so scheduling is flexible. Please volunteer by emailing Tom Ball at tomasball@aol.com.

Call to Confession

Trusting in the power of God to save, let us confess our sins before God and this assembly.

Prayer for Illumination

It's time to hear God's Word read and proclaimed. Let us pray:

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

¹ 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.

² 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. ³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up."

⁴ 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." ⁵ Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ 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.

⁷ 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, ⁸ 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. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² 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.”

¹³ 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?” ¹⁴ 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.’ ” ¹⁵ 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 for ever, and this my title for all generations.”

Invitation to the Offering

As followers of Jesus, we are called to give ourselves for others, as Jesus has given himself for us. With gratitude for Christ’s grace, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory Prayer

Living God, we give you thanks for Christ, the bread from heaven, through whom we offer these gifts. Endow these gifts with your power, that they may express your steadfast love and impart your sustaining strength to all those in need.

Amen.