

## St. Andrew UMC Worship Bulletin

August 23, 2020

### Call to Worship

L: Life can sometimes be very difficult.

**P: We look around and wonder where God is.**

L: In the midst of our trials and tribulations, God is with us.

**P: God surrounds us with love and courage.**

L: Come, let us praise God for God's abiding presence.

**P: Lord, thank you for always being with us, even when we don't recognize your loving presence. AMEN.**

### Scripture Lesson

**Exodus 1:8-2:10 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

#### **The Israelites Are Oppressed**

<sup>8</sup> Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup> He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. <sup>10</sup> Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." <sup>11</sup> Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup> But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. <sup>13</sup> The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, <sup>14</sup> and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

<sup>15</sup> The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, <sup>16</sup> "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." <sup>17</sup> But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. <sup>18</sup> So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" <sup>19</sup> The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." <sup>20</sup> So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. <sup>21</sup> And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. <sup>22</sup> Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews<sup>[a]</sup> you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

#### **Birth and Youth of Moses**

**2** Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup> The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. <sup>3</sup> When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup> The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup> When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. <sup>7</sup> Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" <sup>8</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took

the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, <sup>[b]</sup> "because," she said, "I drew him out <sup>[c]</sup> of the water."

## Footnotes

- a. Exodus 1:22 Sam Gk Tg: Heb lacks *to the Hebrews*
- b. Exodus 2:10 Heb *Mosheh*
- c. Exodus 2:10 Heb *mashah*

## Weekly Message

### "Looking for the Baby"

#### Come to Me

Verse: Come to me, I know what you need  
Don't be afraid, troubles run free  
When you come to me

Verse: Come to me, I know your heart  
When you believe, salvation starts

Refrain: When you come to me, just come to me  
Come to me, you can come to me  
Don't be afraid, I know your heart  
When you come to me

Verse: Come to me, I know your fear  
Darkness may come, I'm always here

Refrain: When you come to me, just come to me  
Come to me, you can come to me  
When you believe, salvation starts  
When you come to me

Bridge: I can give you everything, your hearts  
desires

I can make the hurt disappear when you  
come to me

Verse: Come to me, I know how you feel  
Yesterday's gone, today I'm real

Refrain: When you come to me, just come to me  
Come to me, you can come to me  
Don't be afraid, I know your heart  
When you come to me

#### There's Within My Heart a Melody

There's within my heart a melody;  
Jesus whispers sweet and low,  
"Fear not, I am with you, peace, be still,"  
in all of life's ebb and flow.

Refrain:  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,  
sweetest name I know,  
fills my every longing,  
keeps me singing as I go.

Though sometimes He leads through waters deep,  
trials fall across the way;  
though sometimes the path seems rough and steep,  
see His footprints all the way. [Refrain]

Feasting on the riches of His grace,  
resting 'neath His sheltering wing,  
always looking on His smiling face,  
that is why I shout and sing. [Refrain]