

Living Water Fellowship

3rd Sunday after Pentecost – 18th June 2023

COME TO JESUS

OPENING SONGS: Come Now is the Time to Worship
Awaken the Dawn

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: Exodus 4:1-17 & 27-31

¹ But Moses protested again, “What if they won’t believe me or listen to me? What if they say, ‘The Lord never appeared to you?’” ² Then the Lord asked him, “What is that in your hand?” “A shepherd’s staff,” Moses replied. ³ “Throw it down on the ground,” the Lord told him. So Moses threw down the staff, & it turned into a snake! Moses jumped back. ⁴ Then the Lord told him, “Reach out & grab its tail.” So Moses reached out & grabbed it, & it turned back into a shepherd’s staff in his hand. ⁵ “Perform this sign,” the Lord told him. “Then they will believe that the Lord, the God of their ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, & the God of Jacob—really has appeared to you.”

⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Now put your hand inside your cloak.” So Moses put his hand inside his cloak, & when he took it out again, his hand was white as snow with leprosy. ⁷ “Now put your hand back into your cloak,” the Lord said. So Moses put his hand back in, & when he took it out again, it was as healthy as the rest of his body.

⁸ The Lord said to Moses, “If they do not believe you & are not convinced by the first miraculous sign, they will be convinced by the second sign. ⁹ If they don’t believe you or listen to you even after these two signs, then take some water from the Nile River & pour it out on the dry ground. When you do, the water from the Nile will turn to blood on the ground.”

¹⁰ But Moses pleaded with the Lord, “O Lord, I’m not very good with words. I never have been, & I’m not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, & my words get tangled.” ¹¹ Then the Lord asked Moses, “Who makes a person’s mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the Lord? ¹² Now go! I will be with you as you speak, & I will instruct you in what to say.”

¹³ But Moses again pleaded, “Lord, please! Send anyone else.” ¹⁴ Then the Lord became angry with Moses. “All right,” he said. “What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he speaks well. Now look! He is on his way to meet you now. He will be delighted to see you. ¹⁵ Talk to him, & put the words in his mouth. I will be with both of you as you speak, & I will instruct you both in what to do. ¹⁶ Aaron will be your spokesman to the people. He will be your mouthpiece, & you will stand in the place of God for him, telling him what to say.

¹⁷ Take your shepherd's staff with you, & use it to perform the miraculous signs I have shown you."

²⁷ Now the Lord had said to Aaron, "Go out into the wilderness to meet Moses." So Aaron went & met Moses at the mountain of God, & he embraced him. ²⁸ Moses then told Aaron everything the Lord had commanded him to say. He told him about the miraculous signs the Lord had commanded him to perform. ²⁹ Then Moses & Aaron returned to Egypt & called all the elders of Israel together. ³⁰ Aaron told them everything the Lord had told Moses, & Moses performed the miraculous signs as they watched. ³¹ Then the people of Israel were convinced that the Lord had sent Moses & Aaron. When they heard that the Lord was concerned about them & had seen their misery, they bowed down & worshiped.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

OFFERING SONG: Be Unto Your Name

FAITH CHAT:

1. Why would someone resist speaking God's Word to someone else?
2. What "voices" do you hear in your life that shape (*or try to shape*) how you live?

THE MESSAGE: *A JOURNEY OF PROMISE: THE VOICE OF PROMISE*

PRAYERS:

THE COMMUNION:

The Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship during Communion:

VIDEO – WHAT LOVE MY GOD? (CityAlight)- CCL Licence 384660

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

(Name), † child of God...

***The Father speaks to you so you can respond to his call
in the life of someone else! Amen.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: Ancient of Days

SHOW HIS LOVE

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Exodus 4:1-17 & 27-31. What strikes you as you read these verses? What questions come to mind?
2. If you were God what would you be saying to Moses about now? If you were Moses, what would God be saying to you?
3. When God asks Moses, "*What's in your hand?*" what might he be telling Moses? What does that say to you? How often do we perceive a lack or a scarcity that God does not? Can you think of other examples from the Bible?
4. From 3:11-4:13 Moses gives 5 excuses to **NOT** do what God is calling him to do. On what does every one of Moses' excuses focus? What are God's answers to each? As you note how God responds to Moses with the reassurance of the fact that He will be with him & that He is all-powerful, what is God really asking of Moses & of us?
5. What are places in your life that you think God may be asking you to step out & do something, but you are scared? What are some of the excuses you have given God? If God is looking for us to trust Him & to be open to being used by Him, how does that encourage you in your current circumstances?
6. Up to this point how has Moses distinguished himself as someone fit for the role to which God has assigned him? Does God accept Moses' lack of trust in either God or himself as a good reason for God to find someone else? What does that say about you?
7. God gives Moses several signs to validate his leadership. How does Moses respond in verses 10 & 13? What common problem do you & Moses share? How do vs 11-12 address the real issue? How do those verses speak to you?
8. What was the people of Israel's initial response to Moses & Aaron? Why is that important based on what you know eventually happens?
9. Verse 31 foreshadows the goal of all God's redemption. What does it look like? Of what should it remind us? What do you learn about God here so far?
10. What does this text call you to do?