



# *McLeod Memorial Presbyterian Church*

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

August 23, 2020

*“Seek the living God, who rescues and saves us in times of trial. Seek the living God, who renews, transforms, and strengthens us in our hour of need.”*

*Special Music*

*Gloria Warren*

*Call to worship*

Our help is in the name of the saving God of both the Old and New Testaments, maker of heaven and earth. We stand before our helper, the God of mercy, who rescues and renews us. We come to worship seeking the living God, maker of heaven and earth. Let us present ourselves to the living God, who is compassionate and merciful as an offering.

*Opening Hymn*

#281 *“Guide Me, Thou Great Jehovah”*

*Prayer of confession*

Forgive us, O God, when we accept things as they are while being on the verge of surrendering entirely. Maker and architect of the universe, giver of hope, savior of the distressed, fill our imaginations and our hearts with your splendid vision for our world. Transform and renew our minds, that we may discern what is good and pleasing to you in this world you love so deeply. Amen.

*Assurance of pardon*

Each of us has gifts and talents through our own unique calling. Know that through God’s mercies, we are forgiven. Know that God will bless us with new thoughts, new hope, and new courage, that we too may stand firm in the faith.

*Gloria Patri*

*“Glory Be to the Father”*

*Scripture reading*

Exodus 1:15—2:10

*Sermon*

*Rev. Anthony Gilbert*  
*“God Was Looking for a Few Good Egyptians!”*



*The Lord's Prayer*

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, forever. Amen.

*Affirmation of faith (The Apostles' Creed -Traditional)*

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.

*Closing Hymn #334 "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"*

*Charge and benediction*

No matter how we are treated in this life, God renews our vision and energy, calling us to works of transformation. Let us reflect God's love, truth, and justice through our actions which will make a better world for all who live in it. Let us go now and put feet on our faith. Amen.

*Doxology*

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"



**Opening Hymn:** #281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Words: William Willams, 1745

Music: John Hughes, 1907

**Closing Hymn** #334 "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

Words & Music: African American Spiritual

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Happy Birthday!

August 24- Gene Seger

August 26- Kay Blocker

August 31- Marlene Morris

**\*Phase 1 has begun, and we need volunteers. Volunteering can be done with social distancing or as individuals. These items need to be completed before Saturday, August 29th.**

- 1. Sort books in boxes to be taken to one of the following locations.**
- 2. Remove boxes of books out of Helmuth Hall** and take too one of the following locations. Please call the locations before taking books to them!
  - \* Unfiltered Coffee Shop/Book Exchange located in Bartow
  - \* Bartow Library
  - \* Teresa Mount @ Bartow High School for the Little Free Library
  - \* Savannah Court in Bartow
- 3. Fold all tables** in the Fellowship Hal and move to the wall at the kitchen.
- 4. Relocate the old pulpit** in the church office to Helmuth Hal.
- 5. Relocate one old Communion Table** in the Narthex to Helmuth Hall.
- 6. Remove chairs** and stack in choir room (leave 30 chairs in fellowship hall)

**\*Daily Bread devotionals are now available to pick up in the church office or the small mailbox located next to the large mailbox at the park.**