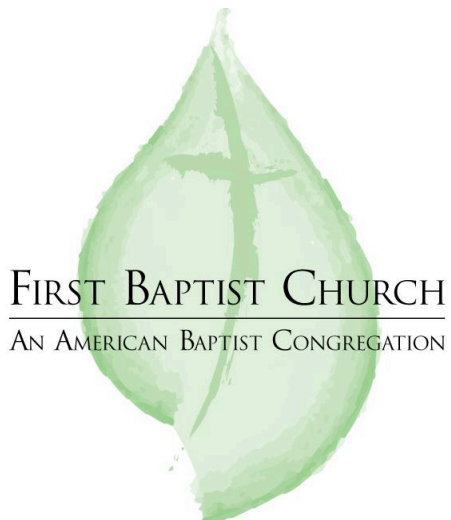




"Moses"

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[Today's passage]...invites reflection upon the nature of vocation, and the power of "call" in the life of faith. An uncalled life is an autonomous existence in which there is no intrusion, disruption, or redefinition, no appearance or utterance of the Holy....The life of Moses in this narrative, as the lives of all people who live in this narrative of faith, is not autonomous. There is this One who knows and calls by name, even while we imagine we are unknown and unsummoned.

—Walter Brueggemann

Gathering Music

"Forever"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

"How Glorious Is Thy Name"

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Neal Purvis
Psalm 91

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High will say, "My God, in whom I trust."

People: No evil shall befall those who make the Lord their refuge, the Most High their dwelling place.

Leader: God will deliver those who love the Lord and call on God's name.

People: When they call, God will answer, be with them in trouble, and show them salvation.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 55)

"Give to the Winds Your Fears"
FESTAL SONG

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

* Responding in Peace (CONGR 509, vs 3)

"Trust and Obey"
TRUST AND OBEY

* Gospel Reading

Neal Purvis
Luke 20.34-40

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Faith in Action

Ramon Schmidt

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Unison Discipline of Confession

We have sinned, O God, hoarding what we have, grasping for more, and ignoring those who hunger and thirst. We stay with our own kind; we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress. Forgive us; purify us; remake us, that we might love as you love.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord welcomes all who return from the exile of greed and self-interest. Be at peace, for in Christ we find our way home again where all are forgiven, loved, and restored.

Morning Prayer and 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

"Give Me Jesus"

Traditional spiritual, arr. by Howard Helvey (ASCAP), transcribed by Craig Courtney (ASCAP).
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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Exodus 3.1-12

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"Faith in Action: Moses"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 56; Tune from CONGR 50)

"Sometimes a Light Surprises"
MERLE'S TUNE

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

“Recessional”

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*The flowers on the altar are given for the greater glory of God by Wendy Wheeler
in honor of her daughter Sammy Ideus's birthday.*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, & Families: Rev. Cristina Adams

Liturgist: Neal Purvis • Organist & Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

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Local Church: Church of Christ Lawrence

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Minister Rev. Dr. Aaron Kilbourn,
serving the American Baptist churches of the Dakotas

International Ministries Global Servants: Aphiwan & Scott Coats, serving in Thailand

Faith in Action Partners: Ron & Jane Garvin, volunteers at local food pantries & Washed Ministry

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