

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst.

### Thought for Meditation:

*Earth's crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with  
God. But only he who sees takes off his shoes – the rest sit round and  
pluck blackberries.*      Elizabeth Barrett Browning

## THE GATHERING

\*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

### WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** May the Joy of Christ be with you!

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Let us worship together!

### OPENING PRAYER:

God of the Ancients, God of us here and now, come and be among us.  
You who set bushes and hearts ablaze, come and awake us with your  
holy presence. Still us. Stir us. Call us to attention. This we pray,  
wherever we are, in the name of God made known to us in Jesus, saying:

**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 trespasses,**

**As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

## **MUSIC**

# **T H E   W O R D   O F   G O D**

## **THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 3: 1-15**

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.

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.

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

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.”

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

Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt, and I have come down to deliver them, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” God said, “I will be with you;

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?”

God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” “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 forever, and this my title for all generations.

## **SERMON: *Holy Interruptions: The Practice of Removing Our Shoes***

## **MUSIC**

# **T H E   R E S P O N S E**

## **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**MUSIC**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING: *May The God Of Hope***