

SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 am





Moses and the Burning Bush

The story begins as Moses is shepherding his father-in-law Jethro's sheep in the land of Midian, he is witness to a burning bush on Mount Horeb. When Moses approaches the bush, the voice of God calls out to him to remove his sandals in the presence of the holy ground. God explains to Moses he has a plan for him to save the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and lead them to the Promised Land of Canaan. Moses is doubtful of his ability to do this at first and asks God who he should tell the Israelites has sent him. God answers with the famous line of "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'

#### Bible Commentary on the Burning Bush

#### 1. Meaning and Use:

The scene at the burning bush reveals God to the world in one of the visible manifestations with fire, of which there are four mentioned in the Bible found in <a href="Exodus"><u>Exodus</u></a> and <a href="Exodus">2 Thessalonians 1:8</a> (the King James Version, yet to be fulfilled). Many other Divine manifestations were associated with fire. The Burning Bush is mentioned elsewhere in <a href="Deuteronomy 33:16">Deuteronomy 33:16</a>; <a href="Mark 12:26">Mark 12:26</a>; <a href="Luke 20:37">Luke 20:37</a>; <a href="Acts">Acts</a> 7:30-31.

#### 2. Identification:

The exact identification of the particular kind of bush in which God appeared to Moses is impossible. Attempts have been made to identify it with the blackberry bush, as by the Septuagint and also by the monks of the Convent of Catharine on Mount Sinai who grow the blackberry there in token of their tradition. The cassia has also been suggested. Both identifications are failures, the former because the blackberry does not grow in that region unless imported and tended, the latter for philological reasons. Nothing in the language used gives any clue to the species of the bush. The generally accepted view that it was some kind of thorn bush is an assumption with scarcely other ground than that there are so many thorny bushes in that region. This fact does, however, give to the assumption much probability.

#### 3. Interpretation:

The old Jewish commentators have many things to say in the explanation of this theophany (compare Jewish Encyclopedia). That one thing which will meet with much response from the Christian heart is that the unconsumed bush with the fire in the midst of it indicated that the Israelites would not be consumed by the afflictions in Egypt. The application of this view to God's people under affliction in all ages is often made by Christian homilists. But this cannot have been the primary meaning of theophany. Of the many Theophanous and other Divine manifestations with fire, the specific signification must be learned from a careful study of the circumstances in each case. The fire does not seem to have any singular fundamental meaning running through them all. In addition to the references already given, compare Psalms 18:8-12; 50:3; Ezekiel 1:4; Micah 1:1-4; Habakkuk 3:3-6; Hebrews 12:29.



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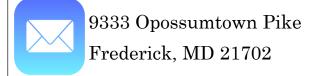
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## Thank You!

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

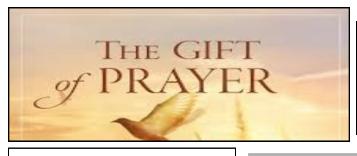
1 Peter 4:10

Thank you to **Carole Houck** giving the beautiful flowers handed out for Mother's day!

Thank you to the **Houck brothers** for mowing and weed whacking the church grounds. We thank **Carole Houck** for keeping the flower gardens watered, weeded and beautiful. As summer is upon us, it is getting very hot and we thank them for their time, dedication and strength to keep the church grounds very nice for all to see!

Thank you to **Pat Harley** for playing piano duets with **Mary Frances Bostian** last month. We enjoy the talent so much!

Thank you Carole Houck and Mary Catherine Martz for taking the time out of your day to meet repair companies, or anyone who needs to get in our church during the week.



" Heal me, O Lord and I shall be healed;
save me, and I shall be saved,
for you are my praise "

Jeremiah 17: 14

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Names on the prayer list will remain for 3 months unless otherwise requested longer.

### Where To Look When

YOU ARE WEARY
Read Psalm 95: 1-7

YOU SEEM TOO BUSY
Read Ecclesiastes 3: 1-15

YOU CAN'T SLEEP Read Psalm 4,56,130

TEMPTED

Read James 1

FRIENDS DISAPPOINT YOU

Read I Corinthians 13

BUSINESS IS POOR Read Ecclesiastes 5

NOTHING IS GOING RIGHT

Read II Timothy 3

BEAR A GRUDGE
Read Ephesians 4

To  $\overline{ADD}$  or  $\overline{REMOVE}$  names to :

- Prayer List
- Newsletter Mailing
- Birthday / Anniversary

Please contact Jennifer Stull mychurch.js@gmail.com 301-788-1656

## SPRING BINGO Update!

Faith had a successful Bingo fundraiser on May 22. With only 54 paying customers, we cleared \$1,660.25. Thanks to **ALL** who participated and helped in so many different ways: from setting up the room to cleaning up afterwards; getting the permits and tickets; selling the various Raffles, Specials, Tip Jars, etc.; donations of cakes, cup cakes, pies, cookies, etc., for the bake table; working the various tables; donations for the advertisements and Door Prizes, Raffles, Specials, and Games. The next Bingo is scheduled for Saturday, December 4, 2021.



Bob Hartman is now back home and still recuperating from surgery. Cards may be sent to him at this address:

> 5812 Meadow Dr Frederick, MD 21702



NEXT CONSISTORY MEETING JUNE 13 @ 12:00pm

There will be no Consistory Meetings during the months of July and August.



JUNE 12— VICKIE WARNER

JUNE 12— NORLENE ZANGANAH

JUNE 21— JENNIFER STULL



Have you ever roamed aimlessly

Down a little country lane?

Have you heard the robins singing,

While sparrows chirp a refrain?

Have you smelled honeysuckle?
Or plucked daisies wet with dew?
Sniffed the fragrance of new-mown hay?
Watched cloudships sail in the blue?

Have you paused in the cooling shade
Of an oak tree, spreading wide,
To daydream by a babbling brook,
Green moss and fern at your side?

Have you watched a brilliant sunset
Blaze across the evening sky?
Have you listened to the music
Of frogs and crickets nearby?

And as you homeward wend you way,

Weary feet upon the sod,

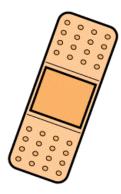
Have you whispered a prayer of thanks

That you have been close to God?

# **Good Samaritan Word Search**

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