



August 9, 2020. The 10th Sunday after Pentecost. Part ten of “Unraveled” series.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Greeting

Call to Worship

One: Gracious God, we bring you the broken parts of ourselves.

All: Hem us in before and behind.

One: Creator God, we bring you the joyful parts of ourselves.

All: Weave us together in hope and praise.

One: God of new life, we bring you doubt and faith knotted up in our hearts.

All: Unravel our doubt. Weave faith into our hearts.

Draw us together and point us toward you.

One: In hope and faith we pray. In hope and faith we worship.

All: Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

We do not know the plans you have for us. We do not know, so we place our children into “good schools.”

We set aside money for days to come.

We keep our fingers crossed and try to control the world around us. Having faith in the midst of uncertainty has never been easy for us. Forgive us for the moments when we refuse to trust you. Strengthen us so that when life unravels, we are strong enough to turn to you. That is our prayer of faith.

Amen.

Words of Assurance and Passing of the Peace

Hymn #158 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn “A Fearful, Desperate Mother” - See Attached

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Exodus 1:22, 2:1-10

Then Pharaoh gave an order to all his people: “Throw every baby boy born to the Hebrews into the Nile River, but you can let all the girls live.”

Now a man from Levi’s household married a Levite woman. The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that the baby was healthy and beautiful, so she hid him for three months. When she couldn’t hide him any longer, she took a reed basket and sealed it up with black tar. She put the child in the basket and set the basket among the reeds at the riverbank. The baby’s older sister stood watch nearby to see what would happen to him.

Pharaoh’s daughter came down to bathe in the river, while her women servants walked along beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds, and she sent one of her servants to bring it to her. When she opened it, she saw the child. The boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. She said, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children.”

Then the baby’s sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Would you like me to go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?”

Pharaoh’s daughter agreed, “Yes, do that.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I’ll pay you for your work.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. After the child had grown up, she brought him back to Pharaoh’s daughter, who adopted him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I pulled him out of the water.”

Sermon “Moses’s Mother Relinquishes”

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Blessing

Postlude

A Fearful, Desperate Mother

A Hymn Inspired by Exodus 2:1-10

Text: Stephen M. Fearing, 2019

Tune: AURELIA

Meter: 7.6.7.6 D

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

The image displays a musical score for the hymn 'A Fearful, Desperate Mother'. It is written for piano and consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a grand staff with a treble and bass clef, a key signature of two sharps (D major), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are arranged in four columns, corresponding to the four verses of the hymn. The first system covers measures 1-3, the second system measures 4-7, the third system measures 8-11, and the fourth system measures 12-15. The lyrics are as follows:

Piano

1. A fear - ful desp - erate mo - ther pro - tects her pre - cious child.
2. The daught - er of the Phar - aoh is bath - ing in the Nile.
3. A child poor in - to per - il now lives in Phar - aoh's court.
4. Though Phar - aoh rules with fu - ry, his plan un - ra - vels fast.

Pno.

She puts him in a bask - et in - to the ri - ver wild.
She looks u - pon the ri - ver and sees the float - ing child.
A ty - rant's thirst for po - wer at risk with - in his fort.
He thinks he'll build his king - dom by slav - ing the out - cast.

Pno.

She watch - es from a dist - ance, his ves - sel floats a - way.
Her heart is filled with mer - cy, she pit - ies his poor plight.
A daught - er finds a new - born, a young one al - most drowned.
A mo - ther's des - per - a - tion gives birth to God's de - sign,

Pno.

And though her heart is griev - ing, God's plan is un - der - way.
She longs to be a mo - ther; this child, her true de - light.
A moth - er's plan un - ra - vels, but hope a - gain is found.
a plan to free God's peo - ple, de - stroy - ing Phar - aoh's shrine.



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WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

Coming Next:

“Unraveled”

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| Aug 16 | Job Laments | Job 28:12-28 |
| “The Lord’s Prayer” | | |
| Aug 23 | Our Father | Luke 11:1-4 |
| Aug 30 | The Kingdom, Thy Will | Luke 11:1-4 |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Exodus 2:10

She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I pulled him out of the water.”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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| Monday | Exodus 2:11-25 |
| Tuesday | Job 1:1-22 |
| Wednesday | Job 3:1-10 |
| Thursday | Job 4:1-9 |
| Friday | Job 15:1-16 |
| Saturday | Job 23:1-12 |

CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS

- ◇ **Thinking about this week’s story:** In order to save Moses, his mother had to abandon the dreams she may have had for him. Are there times you had to give up your once dearly-held dreams in order to move forward?
- ◇ **Thinking About Next Week’s Story:** Is lamentation—or complaints to God—a part of your faith journey? How is complaining an act of faith? What are you lamenting right now?
- ◇ **Unraveling:** How is the relationship between lamentation and hope?

Two Rivers Connections

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This week's Connections Schedule:

Sunday 10:30-11:30—Adult Sunday School

Monday 12:00-1:00 — Bible Study

Wednesday 12:00-12:30—Devotion and Prayer

Wednesday 5:00-6:00 — Youth Zoom*

Thursday 7:30-8:30—Pub Theology*

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