



October 11, 2020. 19th Sunday after Pentecost. Narrative Lectionary week 5 of year 3.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Greeting

Call to Worship Psalm 105:1-9

One: Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name. Make his deeds known to all people.

All: Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on God's wondrous works.

One: Give praise to God's holy name. Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord.

All: Pursue the Lord and his strength; seek his face always!

One: Remember the wondrous works he has done, all God's marvelous works, and the justice God declared.

All: You who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant, and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

One: God remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded to a thousand generations,

All: Which he made with Abraham, the solemn pledge he swore to Isaac.

Prayer of Confession Psalm 51:1-10

Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love. Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion. Wash me completely clean of my guilt. Purify me of my sin. I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always in front of me. I've sinned against you... And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places; you teach me wisdom in the most secret space. Purify me. Wash me. Let me hear joy and celebration again. Create a clean heart for me, God. Put a new, faithful spirit deep inside of me.

Pause for Silent Reflection and Confession

Words of Assurance

Share the Peace of Christ with others

Hymn #99 "My Tribute"

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #94 "Praise God"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Exodus 32:1-14(CEB)

32 The people saw that Moses was taking a long time to come down from the mountain. They gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come on! Make us gods who can lead us. As for this man Mo-

ses who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we don't have a clue what has happened to him."

2 Aaron said to them, "All right, take out the gold rings from the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." 3 So all the people took out the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. 4 He collected them and tied them up in a cloth. Then he made a metal image of a bull calf, and the people declared, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"

5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf. Then Aaron announced, "Tomorrow will be a festival to the Lord!" 6 They got up early the next day and offered up entirely burned offerings and brought well-being sacrifices. The people sat down to eat and drink and then got up to celebrate.

7 The Lord spoke to Moses: "Hurry up and go down! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, are ruining everything! 8 They've already abandoned the path that I commanded. They have made a metal bull calf for themselves. They've bowed down to it and offered sacrifices to it and declared, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" 9 The Lord said to Moses, "I've been watching these people, and I've seen how stubborn they are. 10 Now leave me alone! Let my fury burn and devour them. Then I'll make a great nation out of you."

11 But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God, "Lord, why does your fury burn against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and amazing force? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'He had an evil plan to take the people out and kill them in the mountains and so wipe them off the earth'? Calm down your fierce anger. Change your mind about doing terrible things to your own people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, whom you yourself promised, 'I'll make your descendants as many as the stars in the sky. And I've promised to give your descendants this whole land to possess for all time.'" 14 Then the Lord changed his mind about the terrible things he said he would do to his people.

Hymn #2083 FWS "My Song is Love Unknown"

Sermon "The Golden Calf" - Mark Swessinger

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Musical Offering "Amazing Grace" Mary Fuson

Blessing

Hymn #374 "Standing on the Promises"

Postlude



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Coming Next:

Oct. 18	Hannah Promises	1 Samuel 1:9-2:10
Oct. 25	God's promise to David	2 Samuel 7:1-17
Nov. 1	The Widow of Zarephath	1 Kings 17:1-16
Nov 8	Jonah and the Big Fish	Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10



WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Exodus 32:14

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Exodus 32:15-20; 34:1-10	Moses Makes New Tablets
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 1:19-33	Israel's Refusal to Enter the Land
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 1:34-40; 2:1-8	Israel's Years in the Desert
Thursday	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	The Great Commandment
Friday	Joshua 1:1-9	God's Call to Joshua
Saturday	Joshua 23:1-15	Joshua's Wisdom to the People

CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS

- **Thinking About This Week's Story:** God became angry when the Israelites started worshipping a golden calf. They were not worshipping God! God wants God's people to put God first, before anything else. What was something that distracted you from putting God first in your life today?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Hannah wanted a child, and bore a son, named Samuel. Because of this, she sings a song of praise to God. What is one thing that made you want to dance and sing before God today?