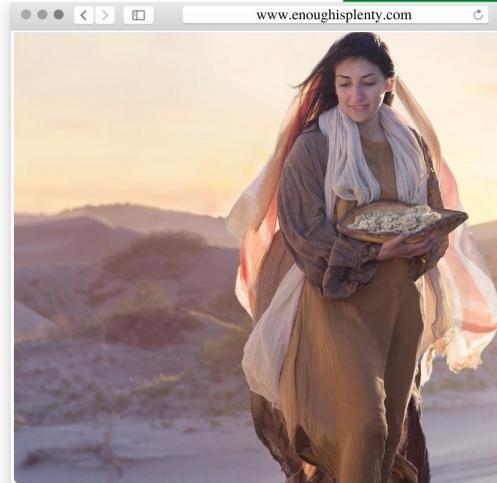


God provides e n o u g h

Exodus 16:1-18

Guest Preacher Rev. Cameron Highsmith



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PRELUDE, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Slides

1. Welcome Rev. Cameron Highsmith
2. Service Project Tuesday at 9:15 to Ferncliff DAC

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the big flashy moments and in the everyday little things,

All: God provides.

One: Whether we have done more than enough or next to nothing,

All: God provides,

One: and God calls. Day in and day out,

All: God provides,

One: and God calls, and God teaches us to trust. We come to worship the One

who shows us a new way. Let us praise God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE “Open The Eyes Of My Heart, Lord” Live
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you; I want to see you; Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you; I want to see you; To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your power and love as we sing “Holy, holy, holy.” Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

CALL TO CONFESSION and CONFESSION

God, we praise you for your care — in daily bread and in liberation from all that harms. With you there is always enough. Holy provider, despite your people’s hardened hearts you gave them manna when they were hungry. Soften our hearts and make us grateful for your marvelous gifts. Help to us to confess together, saying God of Power, **hear our prayer.**

God of manna and God of sea-parting power, you know our needs and you act. We have seen how you provide enough for all, and yet we confess that we have chosen not to follow in your way. God of Power, **hear our prayer.**

Though we know our systems lead to death and run contrary to your kingdom vision, we admit that we are too afraid to leave them behind, even for your promise of consistent abundant life. God of Power, **hear our prayer.**

We don’t know how to do everything differently, so we continue in the way it’s always been, even as we cry out for justice. God of Power, **hear our prayer.**

Forgive us our limited imaginations, our attachment to nostalgia, our tendency to hoard while others go hungry, and forgive us when we pray for big miracles while ignoring your everyday sustenance. God of Power, **hear our prayer.** Bring us into the wilderness once again and teach us how to be your people, living according to your way. Hear the silent prayers of our hearts.

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS “Desert Song” (vs. 3 & chorus)

This is my prayer in the battle. When triumph is still on its way

I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ. So firm on His promise I’ll stand

I will bring praise, I will bring praise. No weapon formed against me shall remain

I will rejoice, I will declare. God is my victory and He is here.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God of the wilderness, you bring us to the wild but you don't leave us there. Friends, in the wilderness God still provides enough—enough grace, enough forgiveness, enough hope. Hear the good news and rejoice. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven—**thanks be to God! Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

READING

Exodus 16:1-18

16 The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the

Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.'" ¹⁷The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

SERMON

Rev. Cameron Highsmith

ANTHEM

"Come Thou fount of Every Blessing"

Virtual Choir

CREED

For our creed we will use the Law of God, as it was passed down to Moses on Mt. Sinai by the Lord, and is shared on page 36 of our hymnal. Let us responsively remind ourselves of the law of God. The congregation will say every other command, beginning with the first.

God spoke all these words, saying, I am the Lord your God.

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol of anything in heaven above or on the earth below or in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down or worship them.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's spouse, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy God, you reveal yourself in so many ways, some we notice and others we ignore, some we take credit for and others we fall down in awe, some we forget about and others make an impression down the generations. God of Power, **hear our prayer.**

You hear us when we cry out and when we complain, and when we bring our praise and our prayers for help. We thank you this day for your generous providing, for sustaining us all our days. God of Power, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the ordinary things we overlook, the changing of seasons, the produce of the earth, simple pleasures like toast, and clean water from the tap, and gathering with friends. And we remember those who do not have these things we take for granted, praying that your promise of “enough” for everyone will one day be reality. God of Power, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our voices to cry out on behalf of those in the wilderness, begging for your guidance and your care. For those in the wilderness of hunger or food insecurity, thoughts consumed by wondering where their next meal will come from; God of Power, **hear our prayer.**

For those in the wilderness of mental illness, unable to disentangle your truth from the anxiety, despair, and pain; God of Power, **hear our prayer.**

For those in literal wilderness, fleeing their home and seeking peace in a new land; God of Power, **hear our prayer.**

For those in the wilderness of loneliness, longing for someone to show they remember and care; God of Power, **hear our prayer.**

For those in the wilderness of illness, navigating treatments and tests, strange words and cold clinical spaces; God of Power, **hear our prayer.**

For those in the wilderness of politics and activism, those trying to make change and those tempted by power; God of Power, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your healing, your courage, your light. We pray for your daily bread, your water, your freedom. We pray for your caring community, your church, this church; God of Power, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to pray continually, as often as we breathe, as Christ taught us, saying.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, they 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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Vera Lloyd

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

All that we have is a gift from God. As a sign of our faith, God asks us to give not only what is easy, but also what is meaningful and valuable. We offer ourselves and our gifts to God, in gratitude for God’s faithfulness to us. May our offerings be a reminder of God's amazing generosity, and may they be for others a blessing that opens the way of abundant life. You may give by leaving an offering in the plate as you exit the sanctuary, or by giving online through our webpage.

We also note that some gifts are meant for those who worship here, and so if you find yourself in need—physical, mental, or spiritual—that you would share your need with our elder for Congregational Care, Mary Henry, or with our Pastor, as we are called to help one another in our need as well.

*Doxology “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” Video
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER & PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN OF SENDING “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” #65
Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

“The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD’s face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.”

*POSTLUDE