

Pentecost 14 Year A, August 30th 2026

Presenter: Pastor Kim Langford

Focus Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

Message: 10 minutes 40 seconds

"Burning Bushes on the Wide Screen of Life"

Discussion Starters

1. What do you think of Moses and how do you relate or not at all relate to him?
2. Where have you most noticed God entering the messy human space of your life?
3. When have you been stopped in your tracks and invited to take stock of a situation or even your whole life?
4. Use today's readings to reflect on what God invites you to notice more or notice differently in the week ahead.

Readings for this day

Exodus 3: 1-15 God calls Moses from a burning bush. God has heard the cry of God's people and will deliver them from the land of the Egyptians. Moses resists God's call but is assured of God's presence and authority.

Psalms 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45b The psalm connects the story of the oppression of the Israelites in Egypt and sending of Moses to the action of God. Recalling this, God's people are to 'seek his face always' v4.

Romans 12:9-21 Paul exhorts the ethic of genuine love that is patient in suffering. He then instructs them in what they need to do to make this happen.

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Intergenerational Talk

"Many Scenes of God's Light"

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Length: 3 minutes 02 seconds

Precis of IT:

Paul asks that we shine and be aglow with the Holy Spirit. A number of small lamps all using the same electricity and the same globes shine out of a selection of similar lamps with different pictures that surround them. Each one is unique but all are sourced by the Spirit and using the Holy Spirit power of the love of Christ among them, making each one unique but all glow from the same source for 1 purpose.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 105:1-6 (only listed) - pages 325-326

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