



West Island United Church
Shared Summer Worship

Tales From The Torah

Sunday August 30, 2020
13th Sunday After Pentecost

Hosted by Ste Genevieve United Church
&
Merging Waters
Pastoral Charge

WELCOME

People of all ages, identities, and walks of life are welcome.
Wherever you are, whoever you are
we welcome you in love and community to worship.
Physically distant but close in one our hearts.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE
Bold print indicates text to read/sing in unison.

RECEIVING THE TORAH & WORDS OF WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

We take this time in this moment to recognize the unceded lands and waters on which we gather. Tiotià:ke, named by the Mohawks, served and continues to serve as a place of meeting and exchange for many nations. We give thanks for these First Peoples and their stewardship in caring for Creation, and we embrace new opportunities to meet in respect, working towards reconciliation and healing.

LIGHTING THE LIGHT OF LIFE *light a candle at home if it is safe to do so.*

MUSICAL CENTERING

Come, O Holy Spirit
Music by Ron Klusmeier
Robert Hargrave, Flute Michael Woytiuk, piano

HYMN MORE VOICES 7

Gather Us In (*3 x Eng, Fr, & Eng*)

English:

**Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.**

French:

**Rassemblenous, tout près de toi.
Rassemble-nous, tout près de toi.
Rassemble-nous, rassemble-nous,
tout près, tout près de toi.**

English:

**Gather us in, ground us in you.
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PSALM

PSALM 105 1-6, 23-26, 45c

Voices United 828-829 Parts 1 & 3 *Spoken*

R Bless God, my soul. Hallelujah!

Give thanks and call on God's name.

Make known to the nations what God has done.

**Sing, O sing the songs of praise;
tell of all God's wonderful deeds.**

Exult in God's holy name;

let those who seek God be joyful in heart. R

Turn for help to the One who is your strength;

seek God's presence continually.

**Remember the marvels the Most High has done,
the wonders and judgements God has given,**

O children of Abraham and Sarah, God's servants,

O offspring of Israel, chosen of God. R

You are the eternal God,

your justice reaches every corner of the earth.

You are ever mindful of your covenant,

the promise you gave to a thousand generations,

**the covenant you made with Sarah and Abraham,
the oath you gave to Isaac.**

You confirmed it for Jacob as binding.

To Israel your everlasting covenant you declared,

**"To you I give the land of Canaan,
as your appointed inheritance." R**

When Israel came to Egypt,

when Jacob settled in the land of Ham,

there you made your people fruitful,

stronger than their foes.

But when you turned their hearts to hate your people,

to deceitful dealing with your servants,

then you sent your servant Moses,

and Aaron, whom you had chosen. R

PRAYER

O Spirit of Love and Justice, we come to this time of worship, moved by encounters with you, and you name us as your own by giving us your name. Be with us, Holy One, as we seek to share this belonging with all the world. May we be reminded in our experience of community that we are not alone, that we live, and breathe, and move in you and you in us, O Creator. We pray with hope in our hearts and love in our actions. Amen

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:1-4

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.

Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up."

When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!"

And he said, "Here I am."

CONVERSATION

Encountering God

HYMN VOICES UNITED 374

Come And Find The Quiet Centre *verse 1*

**Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.**

SCRIPTURE

EXODUS 3:5-10

Then God said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." Saying further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters.

Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey,

To the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.

So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

CONVERSATION

Sense of Call - Inspired Yet Doubting

**Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.**

SCRIPTURE

EXODUS 3.11-15

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" The Holy One said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is God's name?' what shall I say to them?"

The Divine said to Moses, "I am who I am." saying further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is the Holy name forever, and this is God's title for all generations.

CONVERSATION

A Call Affirmed

**In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!**

OFFERING

We offer our prayer, time, talent, reflections, and resources

*Each participating congregation has provided links and opportunities for us to support the mission and relationships fostered by the church.
Please give generously as your offerings change lives and lift souls.*

MUSICAL OFFERING

Les Valseuses

by Stéphane Grappelli
Judy Hung, violin; Pierre Gallant, piano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**May these gifts fulfill your work in the world, Holy One.
May the relationships that they support lift up others,
Giving a voice and dignity to the oppressed.
May the new life this mission gives to the world be one of
Life abundant for all!**

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN VU 575

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

- 1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 2 I'm gonna work so ...
- 3 I'm gonna pray so ...
- 4 I'm gonna sing so ...

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

SENDING OFF THE TORAH

MUSICAL SENDING

Lord of the Dance (Simple Gifts)
variations on an old Shaker melody
arranged and played by Pierre Gallant

Thank you to for joining us today

Please Join us all Summer for Tales From the Torah
(click on the **Date** to access the service)

Date	Scripture	Worship Theme	Host Communities
<u>July 5</u>	Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67	<i>If You Like it Put a Ring on It</i>	<i>Cedar Park/Ste. Genevieve</i>
<u>July 12</u> (Facebook Live)	Genesis 25.19-34	<i>A Hairy Ruse</i>	<i>Roxboro</i>
<u>July 19</u> (Zoom)	Genesis 28.10-19a	<i>Dreaming of Ladders</i>	<i>Beaconsfield/Riverside</i>
<u>July 26</u> (Zoom)	Genesis 29.15-28	<i>A Different Kind of Marriage</i>	<i>Beaconsfield/Riverside</i>
<u>August 2</u> (Facebook Live)	Genesis 32.22-31	<i>The DWF</i>	<i>Roxboro</i>
<u>August 9</u>	Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28	<i>The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i>	<i>Cedar Park</i>
<u>August 16</u>	Genesis 45.1-15	<i>Brothers Reunite</i>	<i>Dorval/Strathmore</i>
<u>August 23</u>	Exodus 1.8-2.10	<i>A Baby in a Basket</i>	<i>St. John's</i>
<u>August 30</u>	Exodus 3.1-15	<i>Encountering the Sacred</i>	<i>Merging Waters/ Ste. Genevieve</i>
<u>September 6</u>	Exodus 12.1-14	<i>The First Passover</i>	<i>Merging Waters</i>