### welcome

We hope and fully expect that you'll encounter God this morning and even meet a few warm-hearted people as well.

You can expect the service to last around an hour and a half.

### reservoir families

We're excited about your kids! We have designed special programs and services just for them that happen concurrently with the 9:30am service. Kids are also always welcome in the main services.

### today's service

OPENING SONG

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON Steve Watson

WORSHIP An opportunity to take Communion, receive prayer in the Chapel, and participate in musical worship.



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Discovering the love of God, the joy of living, and the gift of community.

#### Exodus 3:1-12 (NRSV)

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.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up."<sup>4</sup> 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." <sup>5</sup> Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>He said 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. <sup>7</sup> 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,

<sup>8</sup> 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.<sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me: I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup> So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> He 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."

"Some Whats, Wheres, and Hows to Spiritual Experience" Second in the Series, "40 Days of Faith: Engaging in a God-Soaked World" STEVE WATSON

"How can I position myself for an experience of God in my world?"

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_ --meditate, or at least carve out a few undistracted moments of quiet.

2. Try one of these spiritual exercises today.

- A) Immanuel prayer start
  - Recall a positive memory.
  - Describe it in detail, or remember it vividly.
  - Thank God for this experience.
  - Ask Jesus to perceive him in this situation.
  - If you perceive Jesus at all, talk with him.

B) Name a problem you're facing.Ask God to speak to you in these five ways:

- I see you.
- I hear you.
- I know how big this is to you.
- I want to be with you in this.
- I'm strong enough to help you.