



DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY  
EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL  
WITH GOOD.  
- *ROMANS 12:21*

Church of the Hills

“Moses’ Call”

Exodus 3:1-15

Romans 12:9-21

Pastor Richard Aylor

August 30, 2026

***We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God’s Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.***

**Prelude**

Sheresa Wilbanks

**Opening Chant**

“Our God Is an Awesome God”

Purple Hymnal 616

“Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above  
with wisdom, power and love; our God is an awesome God!”

**Welcome**

Pastor Richard Aylor

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Leader: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

Leader: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**People: Let us worship God!**

**\*\*Opening Hymn**

“God Is Here”

Purple Hymnal 409 (v. 1, 2, 4)

God is here! As we your people meet to  
offer praise and prayer, may we find in  
fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our  
varied skills and arts wait the coming  
of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our  
lifelong need of grace; here are table,  
font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in  
silence, as in speech, here, in newness  
and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an  
age of change and doubt keep us faithful  
to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we  
have to give, receive: we, who cannot  
live without you, we adore you! We believe!

**\*\*Invitation to Confession**

Marilyn Sandifer

Leader: Jesus Christ overcame evil with good so that all people might be saved from sin.

**People: Let us then confess our need for grace, confident of God's forgiveness.**

**\*\*Prayer of Confession**

**God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.**

**\*\* Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: Jesus took up his cross for our salvation.

**People: In return for our old life of sin, he promises a new life of grace. We are forgiven and are at peace.**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And, also with you.**

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**(Refrain)**

**Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you  
lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

**All: Holy Spirit, who spoke to Moses from the burning bush, speak to us  
now in the reading and proclaiming of your word. Amen.**

**New Testament Reading**

Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup> Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 3:1-15

<sup>3</sup> 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 Mount 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 spacious land, to 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> Now go, I am sending 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 serve God on this mountain.”

<sup>13</sup> 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 his name?’ what shall I say to them?” <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ” <sup>15</sup> 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 my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.

**Sermon**

“Moses’ Call”

**\*\*Response to Sermon**

“God is Calling Through the Whisper”

Purple Hymnal 410

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit’s deepest sighs,  
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.  
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:  
God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbors’ urgent prayers,  
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.  
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:  
God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,  
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.  
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:  
God is calling – and we hear! God is calling – and we hear!

**\*\*Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and  
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he  
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the  
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication**

**\*\*Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Purple Hymnal 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy 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.**

### **\*\*Closing Hymn**

“Spirit of Gentleness”

Purple Hymnal 291 (v. 1, 4)

#### **(Refrain)**

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the  
wilderness, calling and free. Spirit,  
Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.**

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing,  
“awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”

#### **(Refrain)**

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.  
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise.

### **\*\*Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

**People: Alleluia. Amen.**

### **Postlude**

*Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service. To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you during this time.*

**For Pastoral Care:**

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

**A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:**

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

**Office Hours:**

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (aside from staff lunch hours). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Deadlines:**

**The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.**

**Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.**

**Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the following week's communication publications and job tasks.**

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