

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2026

† Please stand as you are able.



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Sign-In and Out Log*
Desiree Davis-Omburo

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Adam

Chiming the Trinity

† *Call to Worship*—by Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

Rebecca Turner

Sometimes God calls us through burning bushes, telling us to go free a whole people despite our insecurities and fears.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us, and we don’t understand the full meaning of the call, the ways our families, friends, and communities may resist the good news and us as messengers of it.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we think we can handle, asking us to trust that God will provide what we need.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Beloved, God’s call takes many forms. Sometimes it feels as natural as breathing, and sometimes we want to run as far as we can. But take assurance in this: You are not alone. God is with us, and God’s call can be trusted, because no matter where it leads, God is there.

God, help us accept your call on our lives and to trust that what you equip us to do is what you call us to do as members of the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.

† *Opening Hymn* “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) by Matt Redmann

The children may proceed to the nursery with volunteers after this song.

† *Hymn* “O God Our Help in Ages Past”

UMH 117

Prayer for Illumination

Rebecca Turner

Lord our God, your name and word are exalted above everything. We are listening for your word; we are looking for your light. By the power of the Holy

Spirit, renew our minds and hearts so we may discern your will and respond in faith. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

Rachel Randall

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

Prayer of Confession

Rebecca Turner

Redeeming God, out of the flames of your creation, your voice calls, you know our names and know us intimately, claiming us as your own. Yet there are times, when we choose to ignore your voice, when we are too distracted to listen to our neighbors, especially those in need, and listen instead to our own needs and desires. Forgive us for our sins; forgive us when we have ignored the needs of others, when we have failed to place our feet upon your path, and when we have forgotten who and Whose we are. Rekindle the burning flame of Your light and love within us, that we might be sent forth anew to be your people of love to those around us. Amen.

Offer silent prayers of confession

Assurance of Pardon

Rebecca Turner

The steadfast love of the Lord never ends. When we call out to God, God answers.

God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and helped to live in grace. Amen.

† *Peace of Christ*

The Offering and Song “God Will Take Care of You”

UMH 130



**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures high and low.
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.**

Doxology

Prayer over the Offering

Sermon

Pastor Adam

Prayers of the People

Rebecca Turner and Pastor Adam

At this time, we will lift up the joys, people, places, and concerns on our hearts up to God. If you have a prayer concern you would like for us to pray for, please raise your hand and a mic will be

brought to you.

† *Closing Song*

† *Benediction*

† *Chiming the Trinity*

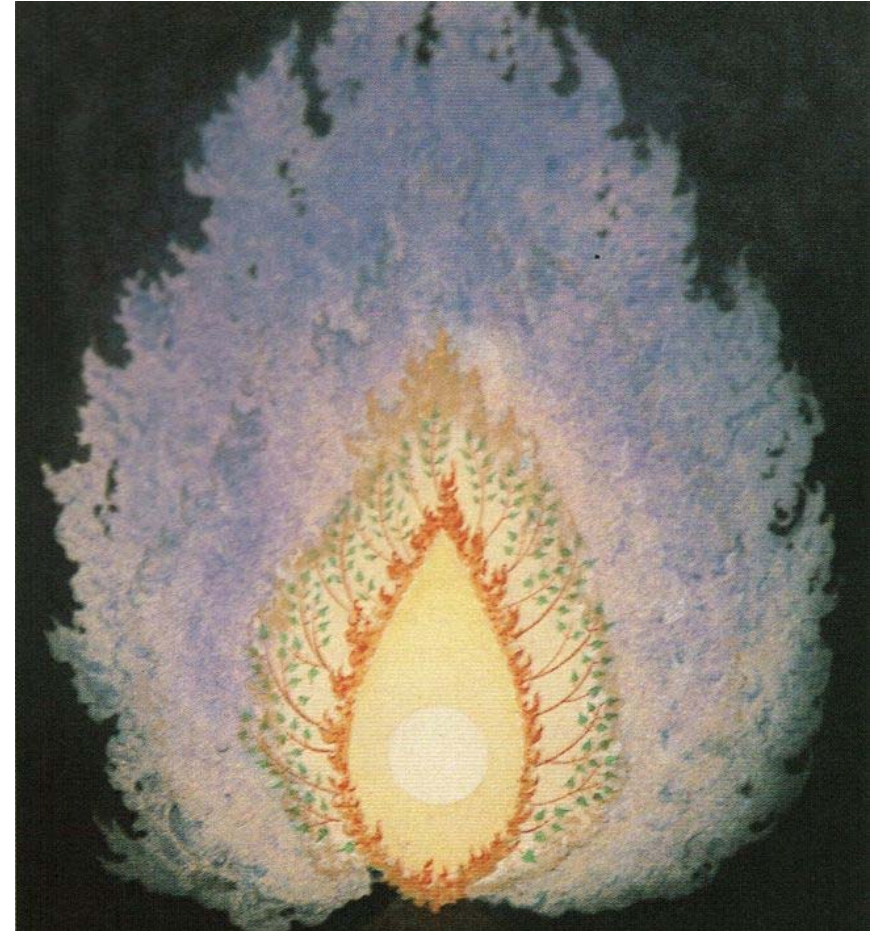
† *Postlude*

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH 593

You are invited to join us for a potluck lunch immediately following this service.

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Frank Wesley, “Moses and the Burning Bush”

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