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OXNAM CHAPEL
LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM EXODUS:

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

GATHERING & WELCOME

EVAN TAYLOR

RECOGNITION OF LIVE ARTIST

REV. CHRISTIAN BELTON

LITANY

TITUS BRYANT

Leader: Lord God, Guide us as we lead in liminal times

People: Guide our feet, guide our hands, and guide our hearts

Leader: Guide us as midwives like Shiphrah and Puah

People: Those who help to guide and give birth to ideas, dreams & ministries. Those who protect and save the unborn, unearthed and overlooked. Those who develop and nurture people to realize their god given potential.

Leader: Guide us as choreographers & creatives like Miriam

People: Those who transform independent dance and creativity into the graceful, synchronized and interdependent movement and embodiment of collective purpose

Leader: Guide us as community weavers like Deborah

People: Those who see beyond the present reality and weave, braid and work the fibers of a hopeful future

Leader: Guide us as intercessors like Esther

People: Those who are strategically and divinely placed to counsel, guide and pray with and on behalf of the lives of others.

Leader: Let God be our guide as we lead AND as we follow

*Adapted from Leading Ladies: Transformative images of women's leadership by Jeanne Porter

ANTHEM

DELIVER ME

DONALD LAWRENCE & LE'ANDRIA JOHNSON

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:1-22

RUTH JACKSON

HYMN

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE
CHOIR & CONGREGATION

Verse 1: I am weak but Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee

Refrain: Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

Verse 2: Thro' this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Refrain: Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

Verse 3: When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom's shore, to Thy shore

Refrain: Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: THE EXAMEN

EVAN TAYLOR

In the spirit of the ambiguity of Exodus Moments - when have you felt farthest away from God?

In the spirit of the Hope of Deliverance - when have you felt closest to God?

In the spirit of Interdependence with God - what exodus situations do you need to invite God into that you are trying to handle alone?

SERMON

"The Salvific Efficacy of Midwifery"

REV. DR. VERONICE MILES

HYMN & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

BAPTIST HYMNAL #56

BAPTIST COMMUNION

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession:

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.

(reflective pause)

You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be [pure].
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
(Psalm 51:1-4, 6-12)

Moment of Silence

Leader: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are Forgiven!

Congregation: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are Forgiven!

Words of Institution

Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Receiving:

Eternal and ever-loving God,

You have graciously accepted us as your people.

Send us now into the world in peace,

and grant us strength and courage

to love our neighbors as ourselves

and to serve you with gladness and singleness of heart.

For your renewing presence in our lives, we give thanks and praise,

Amen.

***ALL SOULS RECOGNITION**

EVAN TAYLOR

DEDICATION FOR REV. DR. BOBBY McCLAIN

DR. EILEEN GUENTHER

CENTERING HYMN

**GO DOWN MOSES
CHOIR & CONGREGATION**

Refrain

Go down Moses

Way down in Egypt land

Tell all pharaohs to

Let my people go!

Verse 1

When Israel was in Egypt land,

Let my people go!

Oppressed so hard they could not stand

Let my people go!

Refrain

Go down Moses

Way down in Egypt land

Tell all pharaohs to

Let my people go!

Verse 2

The Lord told Moses what to do,

Let my people go!

to lead the childr'n of Israel through,

Let my people go!

Verse 3

The pillar of cloud shall clear the way,

Let my people go!

a fire by night, a shade by day,

Let my people go!

Verse 4

O let us all from bondage flee,

Let my people go,
And let us all in Christ be free,
Let my people go.

Refrain

Go down Moses
Way down in Egypt land
Tell all pharaohs to
Let my people go!

CONGREGATION RECESSES TO KRESGE ENTRANCE

DRUMMING

PRAYER

CHIP ALDRIDGE

“Eternal God, you have shared with us the life of Dr. Bobby McClain.
Before he was ours, he is yours.
For all that Bobby has given us to make us what we are,
for that of Bobby which lives and grows in each of us,
and for his life that in your love will never end, we give you thanks.
As now we offer Bobby back into your arms,
comfort us in our loneliness,
strengthen us in our weakness
and give courage to face the future unafraid.
Drawn those of us who remain this life closer to one another,
Make us faithful to serve one another.
Draw those of us who remain in this life closer to one another,
make us faithful to serve one another,
and give us to know that peace and joy which is eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”

“Almighty God,
into your hands, we commend your son, Bobby McClain,
in the sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

These ashes we commit to the elements
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. Amen”

SCATTERING OF ASHES OF REV. DR. BOBBY McCLAIN

CHIP ALDRIDGE & JO ANN McCLAIN

BLESSING

CATHY ABBOTT

**All who are able please stand.*

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Worship Leaders

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Veronice Miles, Wesley Associate Professor of Preaching

Chapel Elder: Rev. Cathy Abbott

Liturgist: Evan Taylor

Liturgy Assistant: Erik Slingerland

Litany & Scripture Readers: Titus Bryant & Ruth Jackson

Musical Leader: Dr. Thomas Tyler, Chapel Choir

Covid Safety

Welcome to Oxnam Chapel. We gather to worship each Tuesday at noon. Please use face masks (except when leading worship). As you enter, please sign in.

Register & Check in to join us in Oxnam Chapel

Please make sure to RSVP on Eventbrite to join us in worship at the Oxnam Chapel. Each chapel service's event will open at noon on the Wednesday prior to service and will close at the conclusion of chapel service. We are collecting your information for contact tracing in accordance with Wesley Theological Seminary's COVID-19 Policy and to share chapel programming with you. We will not share your information outside of this community.

On arrival, you will check in with ushers by providing your first and last name, they will check you in digitally on-site. Guests are welcome to register on-site with the ushers.

Coming Up in Oxnam Chapel:

Next week is the final sermon in our series from the book of Exodus, on "Leading in Liminal Times."

Nov. 9: Rev. Barbara Miner, Associate Pastor/Director of Worship, Floris UMC, Herndon, Va.

Nov. 16: Rev. Martina Efodzi, Deacon. Celebration of 25th Anniversary of Deacon's Orders

Nov. 23: No Class - No service

Nov. 30: Student Preacher...First Week of Advent

Pastoral Care Available

As you discern and pursue your calling by the way of rigorous academic studies, there may be occasions when difficult and often competing demands for your time and resources become overwhelming. Rev. Dr. Lisa Banks-Williams, Program Coordinator for Student Care from the Office of Community Life is available for support, counseling, and referrals for mental health care and spiritual direction. She has office hours on Tuesdays and virtual sessions by appointment. She can be reached via email @ lbwilliams@wesleyseminary.edu. Please take the opportunity to view the resources available on the Wesley Web Student link under Pastoral Care/Mental Health.