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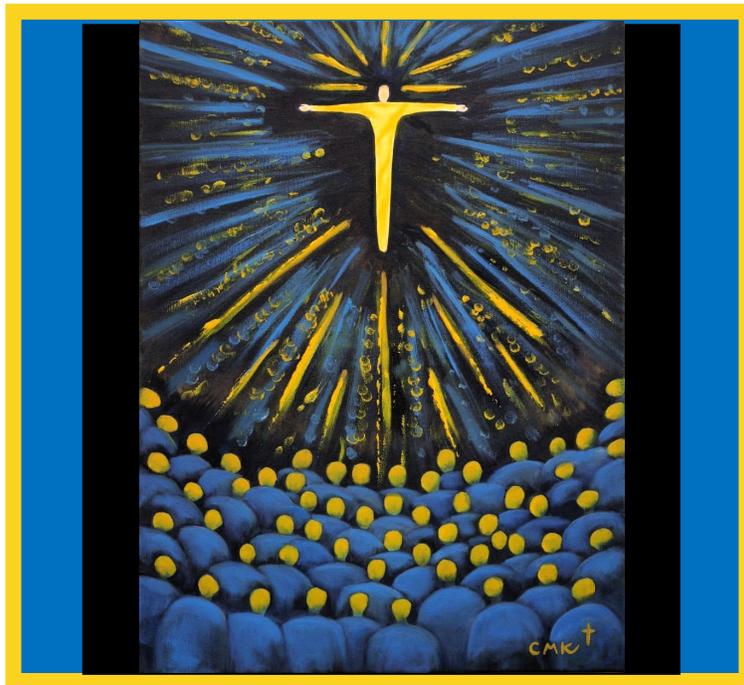
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Weekly Worship

love all • live spiritually • rejoice in hope • show hospitality

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Community Prayer

God of amazing compassion, lover of our wayward race, you bring to birth a pilgrim people, and call us to be a blessing for ourselves and all the world. We pray for grace to take your generous gift and step with courage on this holy path, confident in the radiant life that is your plan for us, made known and given in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: Today and every day, the Lord is our keeper.

Many: By day, the Lord is our shade. By night, the Lord is our shelter.

One: The One who keeps us will support us as we come in and as we go out.

Many: Our help comes from the Lord.

One: So we offer up our praise and thanksgiving to the Lord our God.

Many: We lift our voices to worship God!

Sermon

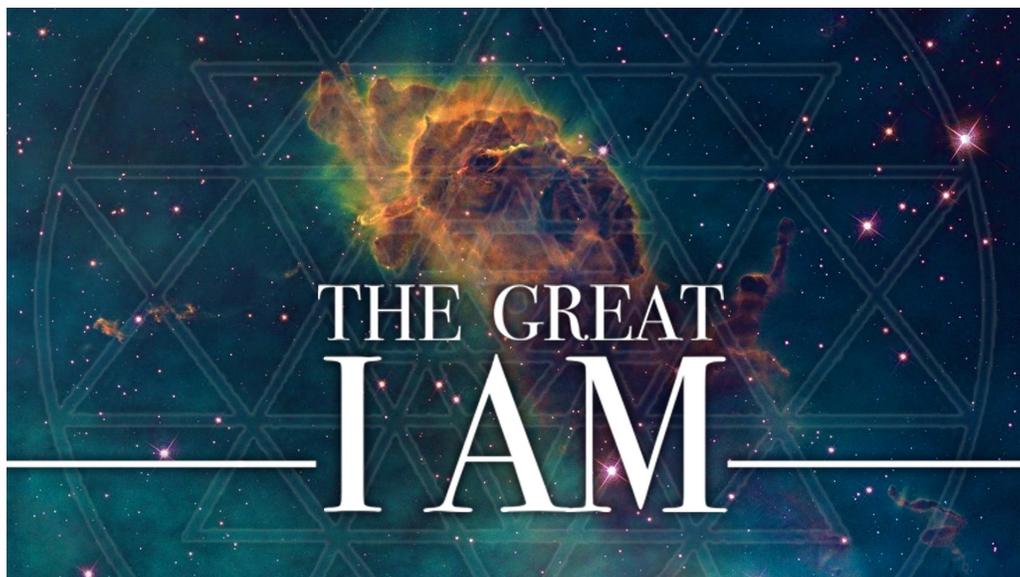
From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

John 8:1-20

I Am

Moses was out tending his father-in-law's sheep when he encountered God on Mt. Horeb in a burning bush. God called Moses to go to Egypt, because God was going to rescue his people from slavery through him. From Exodus 3 we read: "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?' 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.'" 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'" (emphasis mine). Other translations have God saying "I am what I am" or "I will be what I will be." Jump forward approximately 1,450 years, and Jesus used the exact same language, saying "*I am* the light of the world" (and a series of other "I am" phrases). It's no coincidence. The assurance of God's presence--God right here, at this very moment--has been spoken throughout time. Not some far-off God, but a God as close as our very breath. Join us for worship as we ponder what it means that the Great I Am is near. We'll see you at First!

Pastor Kara



Scripture Reading

Psalm 121

“I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.”

John 8:1-20

“while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, ‘Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?’ They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, ‘Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.’ And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ She said, ‘No one, sir.’

And Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.’ Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.’ Then the Pharisees said to him, ‘You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid.’ Jesus answered, ‘Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf.’ Then they said to him, ‘Where is your Father?’ Jesus answered, ‘You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.’ He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.”



Prayers & Praises

March 1, 2026



The God of Abraham Praise

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above, the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love! The Lord, the great I AM, by the earth and heaven confessed, we bow before your holy name, forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will. In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still. Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand, deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.

Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest, a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest. There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound, and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul; your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll. We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name: the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!



In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Cec Burkhart
- Jim Christ
- Joan Dietrich
- Ron Hile
- Debby Ortega
- Polly Putney
- Bob Throop
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek
- Roger Vocasek

Prayers for the Bowker family, as they continue to grieve the death of Kristi's sister, Laurie Aufdemberge, from breast cancer.

Prayers for Cec Burkhart, who continues to recover at home from a broken hip after several falls.

Prayers for Ron Hile, as he continues to heal from several falls.

Prayers for Debby Ortega as she continues to heal from a broken arm following an accident.

Prayers for Bob Throop for continued healing and increased strength as he does Cardiac Rehabilitation. Prayers, also, for a smooth transition as he moves to Legacy Terrace on Friday, February 27th.

Prayers for Jim Christ as he continues to gain strength with cardiac rehabilitation.

Prayers for Roger & Jessica Vocasek. They both have health issues.

Prayers for Katelyn Long for continued healing and strength.

Friends:

- Ron Collamore, *prayers for his health*.

Our Timothy:

- Rev. Bruce Frogge, *Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX*

In the Nebraska Region: Chuukese Christian Church, Cozad - Yoster Shirai

Our Global Ministries Missionaries in: Lebanon

"We pray for all the people who have been killed at the start of this year, in Lebanon and throughout the world. We pray for those left behind to mourn their family and friends, left confused and terrified, wondering why their loved ones were taken from them in the name of empire and safety. In a world that values money over people, we beg you to remind our hearts of your commandment to love our neighbors. Rebirth us into this way of living, as Jesus speaks of being born anew with Nicodemus in the Gospel of John. Help us seek to please you alone and to abandon our loyalties to earthly masters. Amen."

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