Moses at the Burning Bush

Adapted from Exodus 3:1-15
Three readers: narrator, Moses, God
Position readers in different locations in the sanctuary or use Reader’s Theatre format.

Narrator: Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law. Moses led the flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 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. Then Moses said,

Moses: “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.”

Narrator: When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush,

God: “Moses, Moses!”

Moses: “Here I am.”

God: “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground. I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”

Narrator: And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said,

God: “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt. I know their sufferings, 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. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people out of Egypt.”

Moses: “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

God: “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.”

Moses: “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: “I Am Who I Am. 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.”