

EXODUS:

The Movement of God's People

SYLLABUS

First United Methodist Church Pastor's Bible Study
with Dr. Geoffrey Lentz

August 16 - September 27,
2023

OBJECTIVE: Students will discover that the story of the Exodus is the story of all God's people, and through the text, encounter a liberating God.

TEXT: All you need is your Bible, and maybe a notebook to take notes. NRSV and NIV versions are preferred, but "the best Bible translation is the one that you read."

SCHEDULE:

Week 1 - August 16, 2023:

When We Were Slaves in Egypt: The Exodus as Christian Paradigm

Readings: Exodus 1:1-4:31

Week 2 - August 23, 2023:

Let My People Go: The Politics of Yahweh

Readings: Exodus 5:1-15:21

Week 3 - August 30, 2023:

Is the Lord Among Us or Not? The Wilderness Experience

Readings: Exodus 15:22-18:27

Week 4 - September 6, 2023:

Thou Shall Not: The Ten Commandments and Covenant as Liberating Law

Readings: Exodus 19:1-24:18

Week 5 - September 13, 2023:

I Will Dwell Among Them: Worshipping a Tabernacled God

Readings: Exodus 25:1-31:18

Week 6 - September 20, 2023:

Make Gods for Us: The Constant Lure of Idolatry

Readings: Exodus 32:1-34:35

Week 7 - September 27, 2023:

Work Is to Be Done: A Guide to Worshipful Work

Readings: Exodus 35:1-40:38