

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Welcome/ Land Acknowledgement

Celebrations

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

Hymn: "Lead on, O Cloud of Presence" **VU421**

1. Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come,
in wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
Our slavery left behind us, new hopes within us grow.
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.

2. Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.
We are not lost, though wandering, for by your light we come,
and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.

3. Lead on O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.
We pray our sons and daughters may journey to that land
where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.

Opening Prayer/ Lord's Prayer

Theme Conversation: Laura

Hymn: "Travel On, Travel On" **VU647**

1. Travel on, travel on, there's a spirit that is flowing,
a spirit that is flowing night and day.
Travel on, travel on, with the spirit that is flowing,
the spirit will be with us all the way.
Travel on, travel on, with the river that is flowing.

the spirit it will be with us all the way.

2. Travel on, travel on, there's a spirit that is growing,
a spirit is growing like flowers night and day.
Travel on, travel on, with the spirit that is growing,
the spirit will be with us all the way.
Travel on, travel on, with the flower that is growing.
the spirit will be with us all the way.
3. Travel on, travel on, there's a spirit that is playing,
a spirit plays like music night and day.
Travel on, travel on, with the spirit that is playing,
the spirit it will be with us all the way.
Travel on, travel on, with the music that is playing.
the spirit it will be with us all the way.
4. In the kingdom of heaven is our end and our beginning,
the road that we must travel every day.
Travel on, travel on, to the kingdom that is coming,
the kingdom will be with us all the way.
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Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:2-15 (The Message)

16 ¹⁻³ On the fifteenth day of the second month after they had left Egypt, the whole company of Israel moved on from Elim to the Wilderness of Sin which is between Elim and Sinai. The whole company of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron there in the wilderness. The Israelites said, "Why didn't God let us die in comfort in Egypt where we had lamb stew and all the bread we could eat? You've brought us out into this wilderness to starve us to death, the whole company of Israel!"

⁴⁻⁵ God said to Moses, "I'm going to rain bread down from the skies for you. The people will go out and gather each day's ration. I'm going to test them to see if they'll live according to my Teaching or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they have gathered, it will turn out to be twice as much as their daily ration."

6-7 Moses and Aaron told the People of Israel, “This evening you will know that it is God who brought you out of Egypt; and in the morning you will see the Glory of God. Yes, he’s listened to your complaints against him. You haven’t been complaining against us, you know, but against God.”

8 Moses said, “Since it will be God who gives you meat for your meal in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, it’s God who will have listened to your complaints against him. Who are we in all this? You haven’t been complaining to us—you’ve been complaining to God!”

9 Moses instructed Aaron: “Tell the whole company of Israel: ‘Come near to God. He’s heard your complaints.’”

10 When Aaron gave out the instructions to the whole company of Israel, they turned to face the wilderness. And there it was: the Glory of God visible in the Cloud.

11-12 God spoke to Moses, “I’ve listened to the complaints of the Israelites. Now tell them: ‘At dusk you will eat meat and at dawn you’ll eat your fill of bread; and you’ll realize that I am God, *your* God.’”

13-15 That evening quail flew in and covered the camp and in the morning, there was a layer of dew all over the camp. When the layer of dew had lifted, there on the wilderness ground was a fine flaky something, fine as frost on the ground. The Israelites took one look and said to one another, *man-hu* (What is it?). They had no idea what it was.

15-16 So Moses told them, “It’s the bread God has given you to eat. And these are God’s instructions: ‘Gather enough for each person, about two quarts per person; gather enough for everyone in your tent.’”

Music/Solo: Doug

Reflection: “Enough to meet need not greed...”

Hymn: “Would You Bless Our Homes and Families” **VU556**

1. Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension
teach us love that conquers fear.

Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
love's expressed in many ways.

2. When our way is undemanding,
let us use the time that's ours
to delight in simple pleasures,
sharing joys in gentle hours.
When our way is anxious walking
and a heavy path we plod,
teach us trust in one another
and in you, our gracious God.

3. From the homes in which we're nurtured
with the love that shapes us there,
teach us, God, to claim as family
every one whose life we share.
And through all that life may offer,
may we in your love remain;
may the love we share in families
be alive to praise your name.

4. Let us reach beyond the boundaries
of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen
spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
love's expressed in many ways.

Offering

Prayers of the People

Benediction

Shalom

Shalom to you my friend

Shalom until we meet again

The word “shalom” means peace, hello and good-bye

so sing shalom, shalom

Shalom to you my friend

Shalom until we meet again

The word “shalom” means peace, hello and good-bye

so sing shalom, shalom

When we join our hands across the lands

we'll hear neighbours and brothers, old friends and other

singing shalom to you my friend,

shalom until we meet again.

Shalom to you my friend

Shalom until we meet again

The word “shalom” means peace, hello and good-bye

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