

Welcome to
Homestead Park
United Methodist Church



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Announcements





Welcome
Pastor Wade!

Welcome to our



All children and their adults are welcome!

Need a minute? Use our family lounge!

*weekly
schedule*

All are welcome!

Sunday 11am
(4th Fl Annex Hall)

Prayer Meeting

Monday 9³⁰am
(Fellowship Hall)

Tai Chi

Monday 7pm
(Prayer Room)

Boy Scouts

*weekly
schedule*

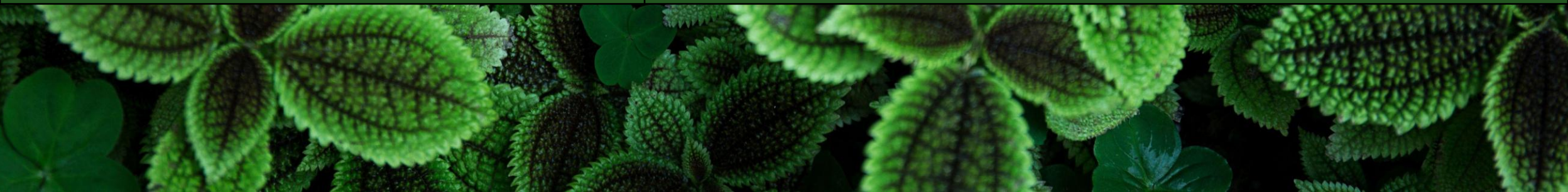
All are welcome!

**Tuesday /
Friday 10am**
(Fellowship Hall)

Line Dancers

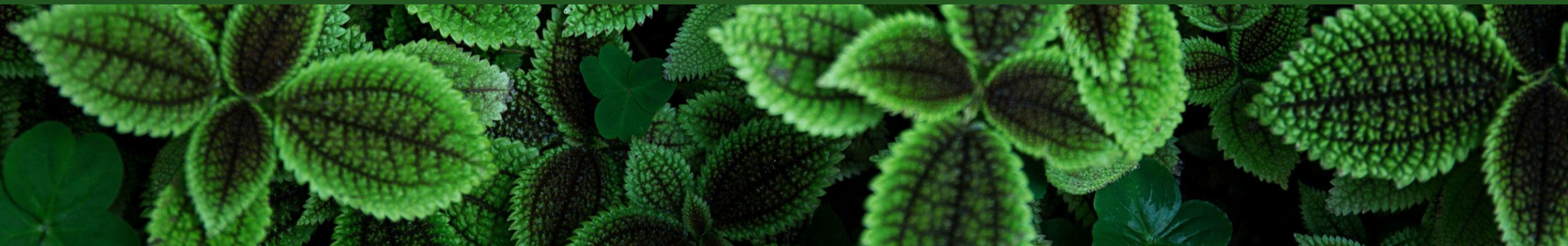
**1st & 3rd
Saturday 8am**
(Fellowship Hall)

Outreach Ministry





Other Announcements





*Think About
This . . .*

Friends, we are about
to embark on a
journey in the next
four weeks. It is a
journey about

journeying, about
traveling as a spiritual
act. Whether you
travel far away or
simply begin to see

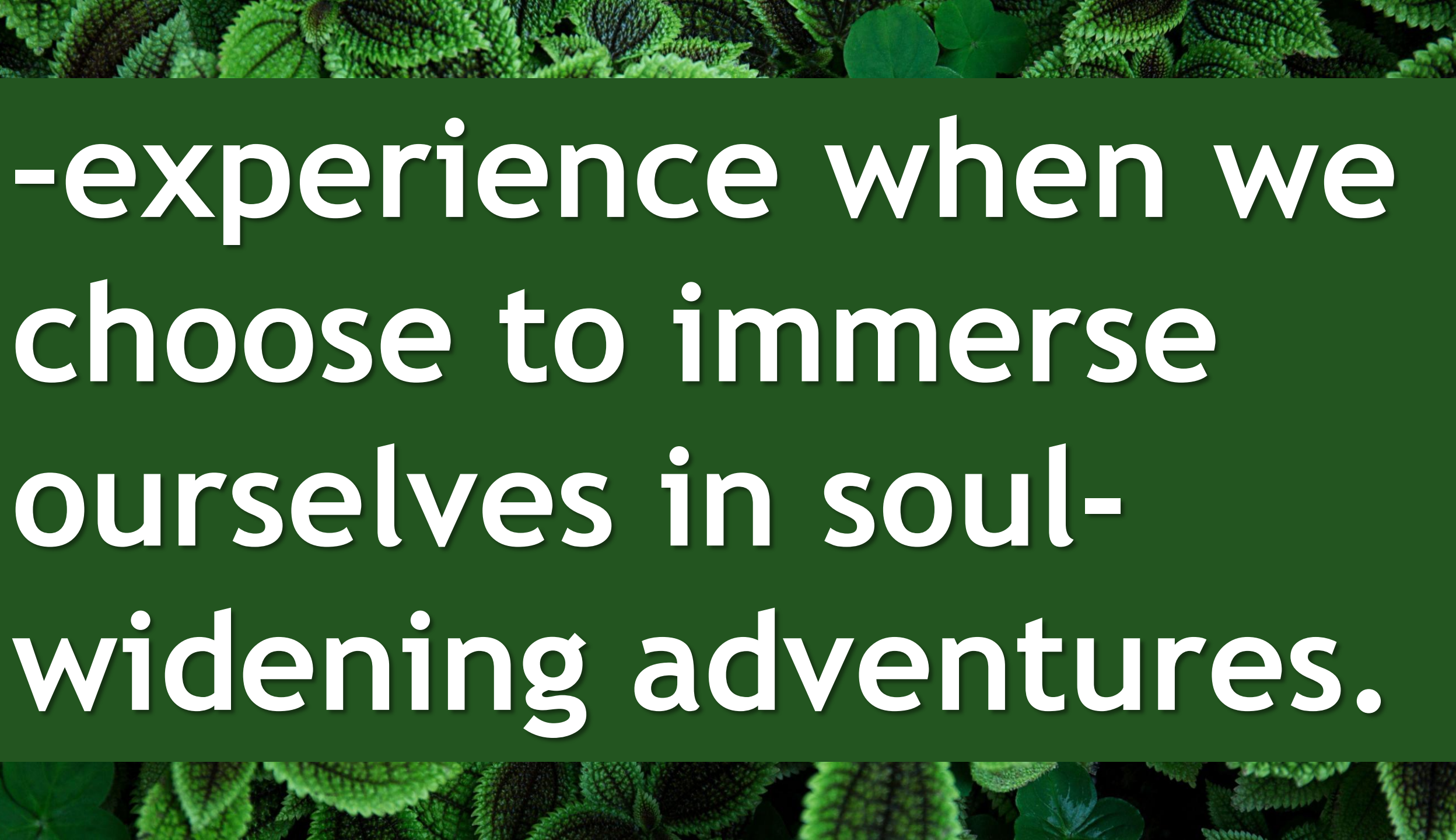
our local surroundings
as if for the first
time, pilgrimage has
long been a spiritual
practice, and journey

a deeply-felt
metaphor for our
spiritual lives.

“Quest” comes from
the Latin root

meaning ask and
seek. This four-week
worship series will
encourage us to open
ourselves more fully

to the curiosity and
wonder, reflection
and transformation
that travelers-not
merely tourists-



-experience when we
choose to immerse
ourselves in soul-
widening adventures.



Call to Worship

(responsive)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Today we will hear
the scripture from
Exodus when the
Hebrew people left
Egypt on a very long

journey. Leaving
Egypt was not a
pleasure excursion for
them. But the story of
their pilgrimage in the

desert in the Book of
Exodus reminds us
that traveling,
moving, leaving
home, is part of our

Judeo-Christian
tradition. Each of us
finds ourselves
sometime in life
needing to leave the

familiar in order to
grow and to thrive.
Beginnning a journey
involves leaving
“home”- whether

that is a physical
place in order to
explore another part
of the world, or
changing a mindset

that is keeping us
from expanding our
spiritual capacity.
Our question for
today is this: “What



must we do to embark
into the unknown?”

All: Leaving home, we
set our seeing, on a
quest for deeper
meaning. What we
find can change us for



the love of all the
creation and its
beings.

*Guide Me,
O Thou Great Jehovah
UMH # 127*

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

(Traditional)



Opening Prayer

(unison)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Sojourning God, your
Spirit exists
everywhere, on every
path, inviting us to
move with curiosity

and compassion
toward each other.
Give us courage to
leave the familiar, to
venture out beyond

our walls, taking
leave so that we will
see with wider vision,
know with deeper
appreciation, exist



with expanded
perception. Nudge
and guide us, we
pray. Amen.

We Hear
God's **Word**



Scripture ~ First Reading

Psalm 121



¹ I look up to the
mountains — does my
help come from
there? ² My help
comes from the LORD

who made heaven
and earth! ³ He will
not let you stumble;
the one who watches
over you will not

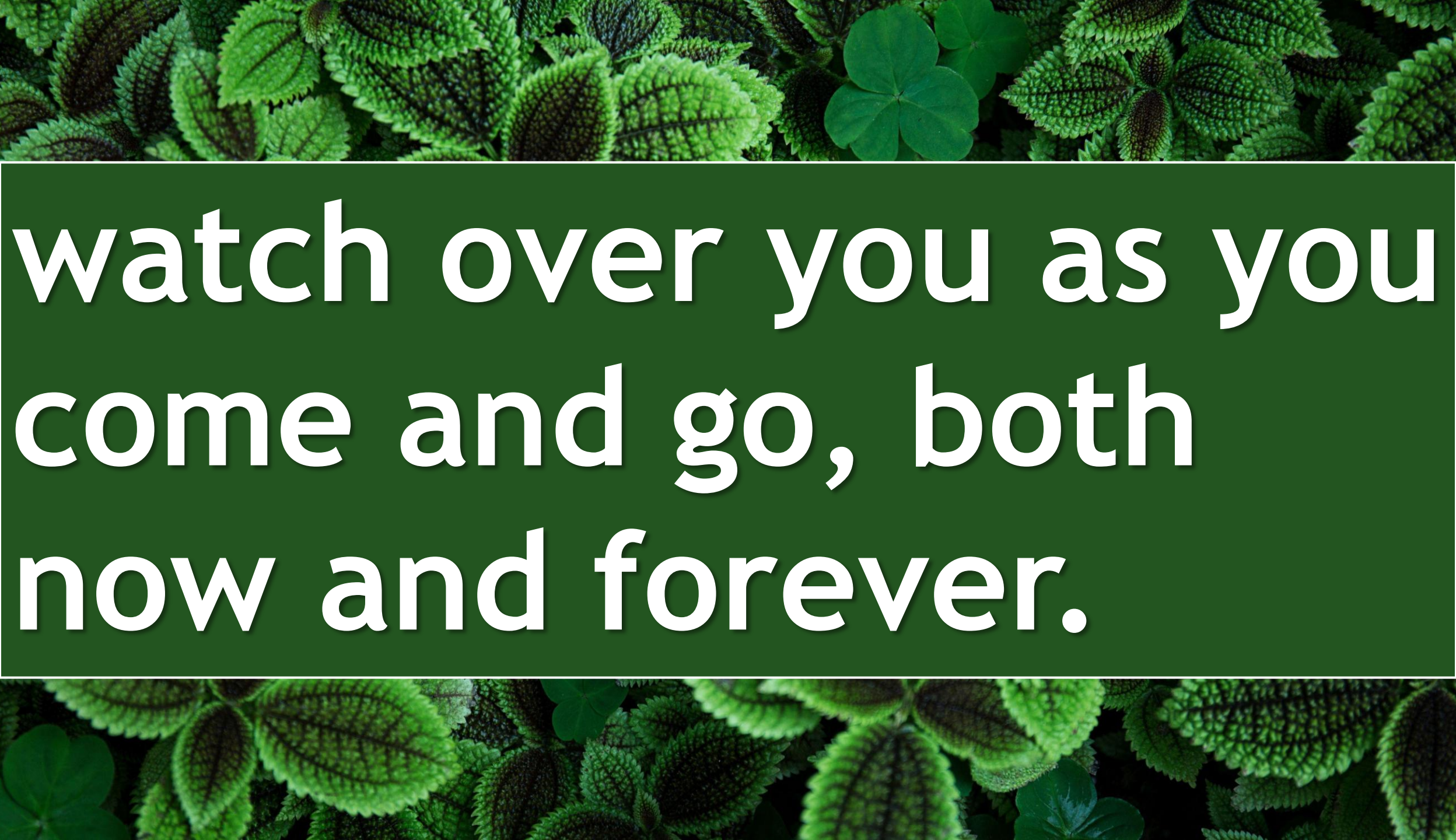
slumber. ⁴ Indeed, he
who watches over
Israel never slumbers
or sleeps. ⁵ The LORD
himself watches over

you! The LORD stands
beside you as your
protective shade.

⁶ The sun will not
harm you by day, nor

the moon at night.

⁷ The LORD keeps you
from all harm and
watches over your
life. ⁸ The LORD keeps



watch over you as you
come and go, both
now and forever.



Scripture ~ Second Reading

Exodus 13:17-21



**17 When Pharaoh
finally let the people
go, God did not lead
them along the main
road that runs through**

Philistine territory,
even though that was
the shortest route to
the Promised Land.
God said, “If the

people are faced with
a battle, they might
change their minds
and return to Egypt.”

¹⁸ So God led them in

a roundabout way
through the
wilderness toward the
Red Sea. Thus the
Israelites left Egypt

like an army ready for
battle. ¹⁹ Moses took
the bones of Joseph
with him, for Joseph
had made the sons of

Israel swear to do this
He said, “God will
certainly come to help
you. When he does,
you must take my

bones with you from
this place.” ²⁰ The
Israelites left Succoth
and camped at Etham
on the edge of the

wilderness. ²¹ The
LORD went ahead of
them. He guided them
during the day with a
pillar of cloud, and he

provided light at night
with a pillar of fire.
This allowed them to
travel by day or by
night.



Children's Message





Sermon Series

*Quest: The Awakened
Traveler!*

Sermon Title

Leaving Home!



We Respond to
God's Word



Jesus, Remember Me

UMH #488

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Jesus, remember me
when you come into
your kingdom.



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*Morning Prayer
and
Prayer Requests*



The Lord's Prayer



Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed
be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy
will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and
forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us. Lead us
not into temptation but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Invitation to
the Offering*

Christ invites us to
live and serve with
him — letting his
burden lighten our
own. He multiplies



the gifts we share—
making thousands of
myriads of love and of
blessing.



Offering Prayer



*A Service of
Holy Communion*

A decorative border of green foliage and clovers frames the top and bottom of the image. The foliage includes various types of leaves, such as ferns and clovers, in shades of green.

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: The bread of
heaven is here,
leading us into life.

All: We draw strength
from the bread of life

**Pastor: The cup of
blessing is at hand,
bringing us salvation.**

**All: We find life in the
cup of salvation.**

Pastor: Eat and drink,
for Christ is here,
offering us eternal
life.

All: Thanks be to God.



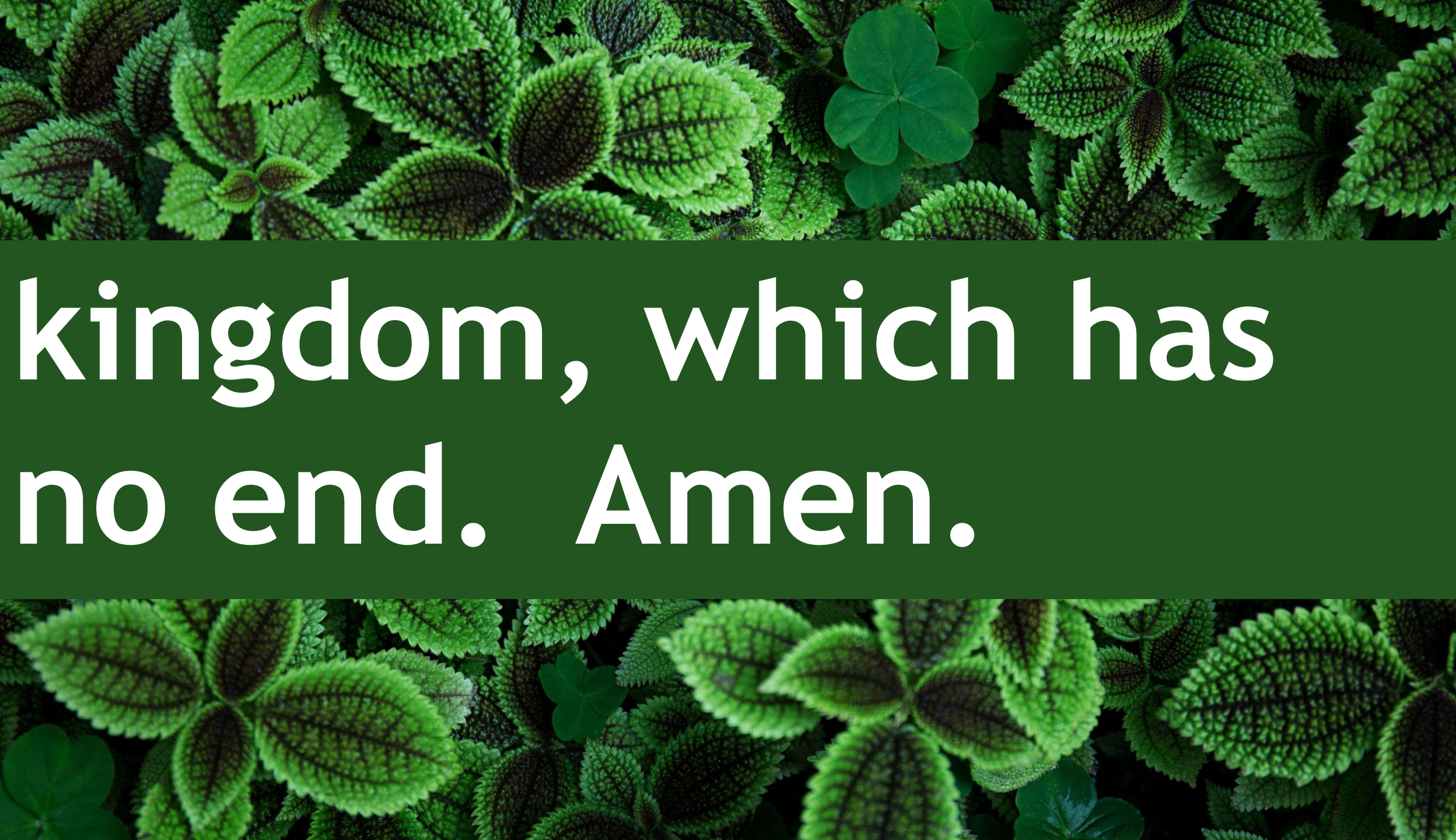
Communion Prayer

(unison)

Lord of life, you are
the living bread that
came down from
heaven. Give us this
bread, that we may

never hunger. Source
of promise, you are
the cup of salvation
that was poured out
for us. Give us this

cup of blessing, that
we may never thirst.
Abide in us this day,
that we may abide in
you and touch your



kingdom, which has
no end. Amen.



Great Thanksgiving

Hymnal (pgs 13-15)



A decorative border of green foliage and clovers frames the top and bottom of the image. The foliage includes various types of ferns and clovers, with some leaves showing a dark, almost black, central vein pattern.

Prayer of Consecration

Going Forth to Serve God

*A Mighty Fortress
Is Our God
UMH # 110*

(Please rise in body or spirit)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(Traditional)

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Benediction



As you step out of this door, and any other door, this week, may you be aware of your very movement as a

spiritual act of
expanding your
horizon, traveling
beyond your
preconceptions, and

embracing the infinite
delight of this earth
and its beings.
And may the Creator
continue your

unfolding, the Christ
accompany your
deeper knowing, the
Spirit enliven your
growing, until one



day we all gather in
the Kingdom of Love.

All: Leaving home, we
set our seeing, on a
quest for deeper
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find can change us for



the love of all the
creation and its
beings.

*Thank you for
joining us
in worship!*

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