

# WORSHIP SERVICE September 26,2021

## “Leaving Home”

Worship Leaders: Rev. Effie McAvoy, Jay O'Connor & Mary Hunter

**Welcome**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** Delbert Collins

### OPENING PRAYER

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.

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### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

DISMISSAL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

**MUSIC** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” UMH 127  
(Choir)

### Confession and Assurance

Leader: The water of this blue planet connects us all, no matter where we live on earth. Water is life. All beings need life-giving water. We know this water to also be a sign of our faith. It is the water that the Israelites crossed in order to move toward freedom. It is the water that we encounter in our baptism that moves us forward into discipleship with Christ.

**All:**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, through what we have done and left undone. Forgive us when we turn away. Guide us as we seek to turn**

**around toward greater love. Lead us to travel in your ways.  
Amen.**

Leader: Know this: At the moment of despair and unknowing, Jesus appeared to the disciples on the road. He is our constant companion and invites us always to break open our lives and share, traveling together toward the Kingdom of Love. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen!

The peace of the risen Christ is with you!

**All: And also with you!**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **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. 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, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.**

## **PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS**

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## **DOXOLOGY**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord, these gifts are not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

**PRAYER RESPONSE**      “Make Me A Channel of Your Peace”  
(Choir)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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.

Exodus 13: 17-21

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer; for God thought, “If the people face war, they may change their minds and return to Egypt.” So God led the people by the roundabout way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of the land of Egypt prepared for battle. And Moses took with him the bones of Joseph who had required a solemn oath of the Israelites, saying, “God will surely take notice of you, and then you must carry my bones with you from here.” They set out from Succoth, and camped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night.

**SERMON**                      “Life’s Detours”  
Rev. Effie McAvoy

**MUSIC**      “Bring Forth the Kingdom of God”

**CLOSING PRAYER**