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October 25th, 2020 Rev. Jesse Kearns, Pastor

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Welcome Visitors! We are excited that you have chosen to worship with us today; all are welcome and beloved—all races, gender identities, sexual orientations, socio-economic statuses, more.

I. Prelude (Joshua Hegg)

II. Welcome (Pastor Jesse)

Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00 Healing Circle Tuesday at 2:00 Last Bible Study in our Exodus series Thursday at 7:00. Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday Worship, 10:00 next Sunday

III. Opening Hymn – CP #11 "I'm So Glad" (Josh)

I'm so glad that you said, "Let us go down to the church and pray."

I'm so glad that I said, "Hey, I could sing and pray all day!"

Hey preacher, can we hear a hallelujah in the mornin'? Take me to the middle of the day.

Sometimes it's great, sometimes the best my wants request don't seem enough.

Now you're a friend who can change my mind,

I'm so glad that you said I'll find this morning quite the kind,

I'm so glad that you said, said if I don't see that I might as well be blind.

I'm so glad that you said, "Let's go!"

Oh, when you walk through my morning like a sunrise morning glow

Say, "You better get dressed if we're gonna get blessed,"

I'm so glad you said, "Let's go!

I'm so glad that you said, "Let us go down to the church and pray."

I'm so glad that I said, "Hey, I could sing and pray all day!"

Hey preacher, can we hear a hallelujah in the mornin'? Take me to the middle of the day.

Sometimes we climb, sometimes we fall, Sometimes we stand to take a hand; sometimes we crawl.

Sometimes we're stuck and can't find our way 'til a kindred soul finds words to say,

I'm so glad that you said, said, about a powerful love that's alive today

I'm so glad that you said, "Let's go!"

Oh, when you walk through my morning like a sunrise morning glow

Say, "You better get dressed if we're gonna get blessed,"

I'm so glad you said, "Let's go!"

IV. Call to Worship – (Joe)

This is the promised land of God's love! Look around and see God's love reflected on each face. This is a place where people are cared for and nurtured.

You are loved here.

This is the promised land of God's love!

V. Laughing Bird Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17 - (Joe Rogers)

Lord, in every generation you have been house and home to us.

You are God, and have been from time before time; even before you brought the mountains to birth; even before you created the planet or anything on it.

You tell us when our time is up, and return us to the earth from which we came.

From where you look, a thousand years is like the blink of an eye, and the ancient past like yesterday.

Our lives pass as if you had erased them completely; they are gone like a dream.

Like cut flowers they are fresh and new one day, and faded memories the next.

It's time for a change, LORD.

Hasn't this gone on long enough?
For pity's sake, it's time to give us a break.

Let a new day dawn and give us our fill of your love and loyalty, so that our lives may be full of smiles and laughter till the end of our days.

Give us more days of happiness than the days of suffering you sent. May the years where evil reigned be cancelled out by years of joy.

Make your actions clear to those of us in your service; let your children see your strength in all its glory.

Put us in your good books, O Lord our God, and give us a rich return for all our labor — may the work of our hands turn to gold!

VII. Deuteronomy 34:1-12 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of

which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there."

Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Bethpeor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

VIII. Sermon - "The End of the Road?" (Pastor Jesse)

IX. Song of Reflection CP #35 "Shout to the Lord"

My Jesus, my Saviour
Lord, there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship you

Shout to the Lord
All the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the king
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares
To the promise I have in You

X. Moment for Mission – (Surprise)

XI. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XII. Communion Song CP #168 "Table of Love"

Here we are, you and me
Wonder if we're supposed to be
Here at this table
Draw me in as I am
I hope that you will understand
Why I come at this table of love

I am tired, I am worn, I am broken, I am torn so I come to this table I let your peace fill my soul, cleanse my heart and make me whole Here at this table of love

I've come here to lay it all down You've come to lift me up Now we're forever bound By this bread and by this cup Here at this table of love

I was lost, now I'm found since we all have gathered roundHere at this tableI was blind, now I see all the ways You welcome meHere at this table of love

I've come here to lay it all down You've come to lift me up Now we're forever bound By this bread and by this cup Here at this table of love Here ... at this table ... of love

XII. Institution of Communion (Elders Georgeanne Bennett and Bill Peterson)

XIII. Blessing/Benediction

XIV. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)

XV. Fellowship Time in breakout rooms.

Some FAQs for Visitors

- What is Communion? Communion is a part of each Sunday morning where we remember the last meal that Jesus ate with the disciples by eating bread and drinking grape juice.
- **May I receive Communion?** Yes! Everyone is invited to receive -- we have no barrier to participating in communion.
- What's a "Doxology"? Some Sundays we will sing a "doxology" (literally "saying of glory") after we receive the offering. It is a prayer written in 1674 and is popular in Protestant Churches -- plus, we love the words.
- Do we say the Lord's Prayer together? We do pray the Lord's Prayer together occasionally on Sunday mornings during the prayer time.
- worshipping together and participating in church activities. We have activities for kids and youth, and we love to share in community together.
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CALENDAR

October 25th-November 1st, 2020

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, on <u>Zoom</u>

10:00 a.m. Worship Streamed Live on **Zoom** and Facebook

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Weekly Check-in, <u>Zoom</u> 2:00 p.m. Healing Circle, <u>Zoom</u>

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Zoom

Next Sunday—All Saints Sunday

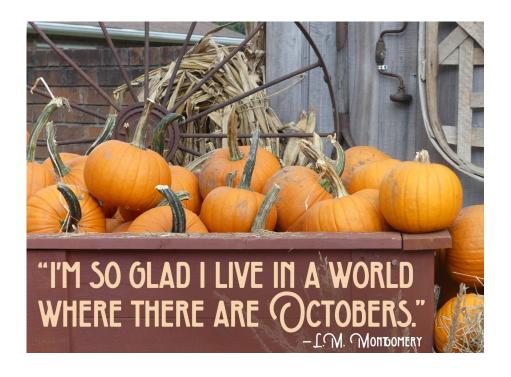
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10:00 a.m. Worship Streamed Live on Zoom and Facebook

Administrative Assistant, Briony, is on vacation October 26th-30th So, no worship bulletin next week



Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 1st





Correction! Last week's poem read by Joe Rogers, "He Hideth My Soul" was actually written by Fanny Crosby in 1890. We regret the error and appreciate Diane Terrell for spotting it and letting us know!