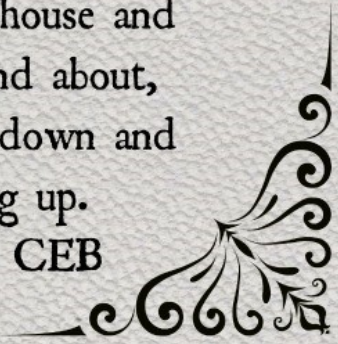


Love the Lord your God with
all your heart, all your being, and
all your strength. These words
that I am commanding you today
must always be on your minds.
Recite them to your children.
Talk about them when you are
sitting around your house and
when you are out and about,
when you are lying down and
when you are getting up.

Deuteronomy 6:5-9 CEB



WELCOME

“We are a Family of Faith Dedicated to the Mission of Making Disciples, Spreading the Good News and Baptizing in the Name of Jesus Christ”

**Sunday, October 25th, 2020
The 21st Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude

Ringling of the Church Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (responsively)

One: We are people on a journey – a journey of faith and hope in God’s love.

All: Come, let us continue on this journey, keeping our sights on the promises of God’s grace.

One: The invitation has been sent to each of us – no matter who we are or where we are on life’s journey – we are all invited to join in following.

All: We are invited to follow the Christ wherever we are led; to follow into service, into contemplation, into worship, and into communion with God, God’s people, and God’s created world. Come, let us journey on.

One: Come, people of God, let us recognize ourselves as one family of God, as we journey together toward peace and justice.

All: God unites us as one people, and journeys with us all the way. Let us worship.

Opening Prayer (unison)

We have visions, Great Creator. We hold images and dreams in our spirits that we long to see manifest, but for now, sustain us for the journey. Be known to us as we worship, and help us to cast our visions into the realm of possibility. Be known to us and

guide us ever closer to the fulfillment of all healing and wholeness in this world. Be known to us, and help us to see that every step is balm itself – every effort is part of your glory – every intention to love and share compassion is your realm on Earth embodied. Be known to us as we worship, and help us to see what is true now, as well as to hold the vision for what is possible in your grace. Amen.

Opening Hymn “Great is the Lord” 2x

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves, He is love

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice
Now lift up your voice

Great is the Lord
Great is the Lord

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (The Message)

34 ¹⁻³ Moses climbed from the Plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, the peak of Pisgah facing Jericho. GOD showed him all the land from Gilead to Dan, all Naphtali, Ephraim, and Manasseh; all Judah reaching to the Mediterranean Sea; the Negev and the plains which encircle Jericho, City of Palms, as far south as Zoar.

⁴ Then and there GOD said to him, “This is the land I promised to your ancestors, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob with the words ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I’ve let you see it with your own eyes. There it is. But you’re not going to go in.”

⁵⁻⁶ Moses died there in the land of Moab, Moses the servant of GOD, just as GOD said. God buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth Peor. No one knows his burial site to this very day.

⁷⁻⁸ Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eyesight was sharp; he still walked with a spring in his step. The People of Israel wept for Moses in the Plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses came to an end.

⁹ Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. The People of Israel listened obediently to him and did the same as when GOD had commanded Moses.

¹⁰⁻¹² No prophet has risen since in Israel like Moses, whom GOD knew face-to-face. Never since has there been anything like the signs and miracle-wonders that GOD sent him to do in Egypt, to Pharaoh, to all his servants, and to all his land—nothing to compare with that all-powerful hand of his and all the great and terrible things Moses did as every eye in Israel watched.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-46 (New Revised Standard Version)⁴¹

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit^l calls him Lord, saying,

44 ‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Children's Moment:

Confession of our Humanness (unison)

**Just a little further... Just a little more... Just a little longer...
Just a little closer. As we journey in faith, we have often made
the mistake of believing that the destination is the goal,
rather than notice that the journey itself holds blessings often
unseen and unknown. We join with Moses in holding visions
of what is possible. Yet, we confess, we have not always
been able to join Moses in accepting that we may not live in
the fulfillment of our dreams. This has meant we have missed
some of the beauty, grace, wonder, and peace that have been
ours along the way. Forgive us, and help us to see the
treasure that is in our midst as we journey together toward
your realm on earth. Amen.**

Words of Affirmation

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Debts)

**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 debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever.
Amen.**

Responsive Hymn “Just a Closer Walk with Me”

I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

[Refrain:]
Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee:
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Message: “Prophetic Power”

Musical Interlude Offertory

Announcement of Offering for Our Ministry

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye Heavenly Host
Creator, Christ and Spirit One**

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We dedicate the journey to you today. In thanksgiving for all the beauty and potential we can see from this vantage point as your people, we give our worship and our resources. Bless and transform them, we pray, into the fulfillment of steps along “the way.” We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

Closing Hymn “ Draw me nearer”

1 I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith,
and be closer drawn to thee. (Refrain)

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.

2 Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine. (Refrain)

Benediction (unison)

Let us continue the journey! Let us go from this place with the knowledge of God's accompaniment in our hearts. Let us love God, our neighbours, and ourselves, and find the peace that comes with confidence in God's grace.

Youth News:

Wednesday October 28 : Youth Group Movie Night! Join us after school for homework & hangout followed by the showing of the movie Clouds. Dinner will be provided. Parent pick up time is 7pm. Clouds is based on a true story of a Minnesota teen and musician who died of a rare bone cancer.

Confirmation Today: Confirmation class for students in Levels 1-5 at 11:30am. Parent pick up time is at 1pm. Confirmation class will be held at 11:30am on the following Sundays: Today, November 1, 8, 15 and 22. Please see Pastor Garth or Charlotte if you have any questions.

Got Lefse? The Mission Team will begin making lefse today! See Sherry Monson to place your Thanksgiving and Christmas orders.

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God says to love
everyone. We are not
here to judge, but to
show love and kindness
and make this short
time on earth a decent
life for all.

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