



*They looked and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud.
Exodus 16:10*

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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

11:00am Worship

17th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

Goodness of God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

God Is

Robert Fryson, arr., A. Carter-Enyi

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord; call upon God's name.

Remember the wonderful works God has done.

When the road ahead is clear, God is with us.

When the way disappears into wilderness, God is with us still.

God hears the hungry, sustains the weary, and gives grace enough for this day.

So come with gratitude and come with questions.

Come with confidence and come with fear.

Morning by morning, the mercy of God meets us anew.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 43

"You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord" ON EAGLE'S WINGS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Faithful God, you give us this day and meet us within it, yet we confess how difficult it is for us to live without controlling tomorrow. We cling to what is familiar, even when it cannot give life. We allow fear to narrow our vision and anxiety to convince us that everything depends upon us. We gather more than we need while neighbors go without, and overlook the daily gifts already within our reach. Forgive us, gracious God. Teach us the freedom of enough. Help us receive what you give without fear, share what we have without anxiety, and take the next faithful step even when we cannot see the whole road. Meet us in our wilderness places, and nourish us with the grace we need for today; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(silent prayers of confession)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*Responsive*)

God does not wait until our fear disappears before meeting us with mercy.

God does not withhold grace until our faith becomes strong enough.

In Jesus Christ, we are met where we are, forgiven, nourished, and given strength for the road ahead.

My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" GLORY TO GOD

1. Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
2. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end.
Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible pp. 544 - 546) Psalm 105: 1 - 6, 37- 45

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 62) Exodus 16: 2 - 15

PROCLAMATION *Morning by Morning* Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

We believe in the God who heard the cries of Israel in Egypt, led them through the wilderness, and gave them bread for each new day. We believe in Jesus Christ, the bread of life, who meets us in our hunger, walks with us through uncertainty, and teaches us to pray for our daily bread. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who sustains us when the road is unclear, gives courage for the next faithful step, and makes us companions to one another. We trust that no wilderness lies beyond the presence of God, that grace is sufficient for this day, and that every tomorrow is held within God's faithful care. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

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.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY 609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low;
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and
Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 853 "We are Marching in the Light of God" SIYAHAMBA
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, Oh, We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, Oh, We are marching in the light of God.

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