

October 20, 2024

“Holy Journeys and Sacred Paths”

FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

300 E. Oak Street, Ft. Collins, CO 80524

Worship: 10:00 AM

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SEASON OF PENTECOST

“Tongues of fire came and rested upon each one of them and they were filled with the Holy Spirit!”

1. GATHERING

Musical Prelude (Stan)

Call to Worship: #885

Leader: Hosana!

People: Hosana!

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!

People: Blessed are we, for we have been created by that same God.

Leader: Blessed is the sound of our voices, lifted up in praise.

People: Blessed are the hands that clap and strum and pluck, joining together in one glorious hosanna.

Opening Prayer: #886

Congregational Singing (Stan)

Leader: Blessed are the bodies that move and wave and march and dance in a tapestry of motion, embodying your love.

People: Blessed is the breath that enlivens us, animates us, and sustains us in singing our ceaseless praise to you, O God.

Leader: Hosanna!

People: Hosanna!

“We travel together, passengers on a little spaceship, dependent on its vulnerable reserves of air and soil, all committed, for our safety, to its security and peace. Preserved from annihilation only by the care, the work and the love we give our fragile craft.” — Adlai E. Stevenson

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

All: Let us offer one another signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: Exodus 13 and 14 (selected verses)

13:18 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... **21** The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day... and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night. **22** Neither pillars ever left the people.

Exodus 14:1 Then the Lord said to Moses: **2** Tell the Israelites to camp... by the sea. **3** Pharaoh will say of the Israelites, "They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has closed in on them." **4** I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them...

9 The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them as they were camped by

the sea... **10** As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back... In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. **11** They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us... **12** Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Leave us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'?"

13 But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today... **14** The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." **21** Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and... **22** The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground...



Sermon: "Holy Journeys and Sacred Paths (Steve)

Vision and faith are for those on the move. You have to be able to visualize a new outcome, commit to it, and then move toward it. Faith provides the energy to maintain that commitment during the journey.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." — Margaret Mead

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Congregational Singing (Stan)

Response

Joys and Concerns

Offering & Music (Stan)

Sending: #1065

Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to:
Walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God;
Walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High;
Walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you.
Amen

*"You just need to be a flea against injustice. Enough committed fleas biting strategically can make even the biggest dog uncomfortable and transform even the biggest nation."
— Marian Wright Edelman*