

# *Order of Service*

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Message by Pastor Nick

*"Strings on Fingers and Other Things That Help Us Remember"*

Deuteronomy 6:1-12



*We invite you to use this "order of service" today.*

*You might consider reading the texts and prayers aloud.*

*Words of songs might be sung, either acapella, or with the tracks that have been provided, by means of links. Simply click on the song titles.*

**We invite you to partake in communion as Pastor Randy leads in today's recording. For those who receive mailings, a copy of this part of the service will have been provided. If you've not already done so, please take time to prepare the elements of bread and cup.**

## Call to Worship: Psalm 119:9-16

How can one stay on the path of purity?

By living according to your word, O God.

I seek you with all my heart;

do not let me stray from your commands.

I have hidden your word in my heart

that I might not sin against you.

Praise be to you, Lord;

teach me your decrees.

With my lips I recount

all the laws that come from your mouth.

I rejoice in following your statutes

as one rejoices in great riches.

I meditate on your precepts

and consider your ways.

I delight in your decrees;

I will not neglect your word.

**Song: [Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Way of Truth](#)**

Teach me, O LORD, your way of truth,  
and from it I will not depart;  
that I may steadfastly obey,  
give me an understanding heart.

In your commandments make me walk,  
for in your law my joy shall be;  
give me a heart that loves your will,  
from discontent and envy free.

Turn now my eyes from vanity,  
and cause me in your ways to tread;  
O let your servant prove your word  
and thus to godly fear be led.

LORD, turn away reproach and fear;  
your righteous judgments I confess;  
to know your precepts I desire;  
revive me in your righteousness.

Song: Today

Today I choose to follow you  
Today I choose to give my 'yes' to you  
Today I choose to hear your voice and live  
Today I choose to follow you

As for me and my house  
We will serve you  
As for me and my house  
We will spend our lives on you

Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father  
Eternal King, Lord of Hosts  
Willingly we Follow

Invitation for Personal Prayers:

*We invite you to offer up your own prayers in this time.  
Whether silently or spoken out loud, praying for yourselves,  
our community, country and world in this time.*

Text: Deuteronomy 6:1-12

"These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

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## **Forgetful People: A Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

### ***Confession***

Lord God of the Universe, we are forgetful people.  
We forget that you made this world  
and that we are to care for it and protect it.  
We forget that you created each of us  
with wonderful talents and interests to enjoy  
and to use in serving others.  
We forget the rules you have given us for good and happy lives.  
We forget that we are your people.  
People with jobs to do.  
Sometimes we "forget on purpose."  
At other times, we just are so busy or want something so badly  
that we really do forget.  
We try to go our own way,  
do what we want,  
and make our own plans.  
Forgive us in Jesus' name.

### ***Assurance of Pardon***

Another thing we forget is that God loves us very much.  
God loves us enough to forgive us again and again and again.  
God loves us so much that God lived among us, died,  
and rose again in Jesus of Nazareth.  
So whatever we forget,  
May we always remember that God loves us and forgives us.  
Amen.

*Written by Carolyn Brown*

### **Communion**

### ***Song: Take my Life and Let it Be***

Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in endless praise,  
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

**Benediction:** “*May God bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*” 2 Corinthians 9:8