

# Order of Service



Sunday, August 23, 2020

Message by Pastor Nick

***“A God Who Hears Our Grumbling”***  
**Exodus 17:1-7**

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***August Sermon Series:***  
***“A Way Through the Wilderness”***

August worship series is based on the wilderness experience, as described in the Book of Exodus. You're invited to read chapters 15 to 20 of Exodus to reflect and prepare.

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## **Call to Worship: Psalm 78:13-20**

He divided the sea and led them through;  
He made the water stand up like a wall.  
He guided them with the cloud by day  
and with light from the fire all night.  
He split the rocks in the wilderness  
and gave them water as abundant as the seas;  
he brought streams out of a rocky crag  
and made water flow down like rivers.  
But they continued to sin against him,  
rebellious in the wilderness against the Most High.  
They willfully put God to the test  
by demanding the food they craved.  
They spoke against God;  
they said, “Can God really  
spread a table in the wilderness?  
True, he struck the rock  
and water gushed out,  
streams flowed abundantly,  
but can he also give us bread?  
Can he supply meat for his people?”

## **Song: How Can I Keep From Singing?**

My life flows on in endless song;  
Above earth's lamentation,  
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation  
Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing  
It finds an echo in my soul  
How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die?  
I know my Savior liveth  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth  
No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that refuge clinging  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth  
How can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin  
I see the blue above it  
And day by day this pathway smooths,  
Since first I learned to love it,  
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart  
A fountain ever springing  
For all things are mine since I am his  
How can I keep from singing?

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## Prayer

God, You call us into the desert, but we follow reluctantly.  
Let us confess our sins and commit ourselves  
To following the path that You have chosen for us.

Saving God, like Israel before us  
We are filled with joy when you deliver us from bondage  
And we praise you when you vanquish our foes  
Yet we are less trusting when you lead us into the desert:  
The long way, the unknown path,  
The journey of trial, trust, and refining

Forgive us for questioning the path you have chosen for us.  
Forgive our complaining along the way.  
Forgive the times we've stumbled  
When the journey was long and hard

Deliver us from our Egypts  
Lead us on our unexpected journeys.  
Sustain us in our deserts.  
Bring us to our promised lands.

Amen.

- *Adapted by a prayer written by Greg Sheer.*

## Invitation to 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.*

## Song: [I Hunger, and I Thirst](#) (HWB 474)

Lord I hunger and thirst  
For Your righteousness  
That I may be filled  
You're the Bread of Life  
And the water that I need  
(Fill me Lord)  
(REPEAT)  
(I hunger and thirst for You)

Lord I hunger and thirst  
For Your righteousness  
That I may be filled  
You're the Bread of Life  
And the water that I need  
Fill me Lord fill me Lord  
(REPEAT)

I hunger and thirst for You  
Yes I hunger and thirst for You

I hunger and thirst for You

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**Text: Exodus 17:1-7**

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?"

But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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**Prayer:**

God, we confess that we are an impatient and selfish people.  
When you offer us the promise of a new future,  
We complain that you don't get there fast enough.  
When you provide for our needs,  
We complain that it isn't enough.  
And when our bad attitudes and negative outlooks  
Cause us to stumble, we blame you.  
Holy God, forgive our sinful ways.  
Teach us to be patient.

Instruct us to be grateful.

Guide us to be responsible and humble.

As we turn ourselves around and look to the cross,  
let us experience your grace and your gift of new life.

In the name of Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.

- *Written by Amy Loving*

**Song: [Come Bring Your Burdens to God](#) (STS 50)**

Come, bring your burdens, oh

Come, bring your burdens to God

Come, bring your, come bring your burdens, oh

Come, bring your burdens, burdens to God

Come, bring your burdens to God

For Jesus will never say no.

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**Benediction:**

*May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,  
Wherever he may send you.*

*May he guide you through the wilderness*

*And protect you through the storm.*

*May he bring you home rejoicing*

*At the wonders he has shown you.*

*May he bring you home rejoicing*

*Once again into our doors.*

*Amen.*

- *From the Celtic Daily Prayer book*