

Service for the Lord's Day, July 11, 2010  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, 10 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**IN SILENCE**

from "Good-Bye," *Beyond Words*, p. 134 by Frederick Buechner

It was a long while ago that the words *God be with you* disappeared into the word *good-bye*, but every now and again some trace of them still glimmers through.

The Reverend Curtis A. Kearns, Jr., *Self-Development of People: Sermons & Liturgy*

Mighty God, parent to a borderless creation, light unto a world too often consumed by dark intent, hope for a human spirit that struggles to appreciate the values of justice and righteousness, we come before you, asking your blessing on the work of this community. Strengthen our faith, energize our efforts, make special our joy. Grant that our actions and deliberations be to your glory and to the honor of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

**THE WORD GIVES HOPE**

on Exodus 13:21-22 (*Jerusalem Bible*)

God's people took 40 years to say "Goodbye" to Egypt and slavery, to reach the River Jordan, shore of that God-promised land to which they would say, "Hello!"

**The Lord went before them,**

**by day in the form of a pillar of cloud to show them the way,**

**and by night in the form of a pillar of fire to give them light:**

**thus they could continue their march by day and by night.**

**The pillar of cloud never failed to go before the people during the day,**

**nor the pillar of fire during the night.**

**PRELUDE**

*Jubilee Suite*

G. Young

*Promenade - Arioso - Carillon-Toccata*

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**Minute for Mission Work Trip to Caldwell**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 121 (*Jerusalem Bible*)

I lift my eyes to the mountains; where is help to come from?  
Help comes to me from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**No letting our footsteps slip! This guard of yours does not doze!**

**The guardian of Israel does not doze or sleep.**

The Lord guards you, shades you. With the Lord at your right hand,  
sun cannot strike you down by day, nor moon at night.

**The Lord guards you from harm, guards your lives;**

**the Lord guards you leaving, coming back, now and for always.**

**\*HYMN # 333**

*Seek Ye First*

**\*CONFESSION OF WHO WE ARE**

on leaving Egypt on the strength of a promise or song/wrl

**God who makes rounds from slavery to freedom, from Egypt to a promise:**

**we confess that leaving known ways and places is difficult,**

**even with your promise to walk with us, and meet us at journey's end.**

**We enjoy routine, and resist your call to a next place or new chapter.**

**Forgive us for being creatures bound to place and culture, to slavery or ease.**

**Turn us to you, even from what has been good,**

**and help us hear your call to ways of Jesus Christ.**

*(time for silent, personal confession)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF WHOSE WE ARE & THE PEACE**

Romans 6:8 & 11

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Christ.  
So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ.

**Thank God.**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**Peace be with you.**

(worshippers exchange words and gestures of the peace of Christ)

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)  
Pew Bible p. 53

ANTHEM

*Hymn Sing* (Led by John Wyckoff)

WORD WITH CHILDREN

SECOND LESSON

from Exodus 13 (NRSV)  
Pew Bible p. 57-58

SERMON

“Faithful Visitors—a Trip from Blessing to Promise”  
This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> in a summer series on “you say ‘goodbye’ and I say ‘hello’”

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD'S HANDS

OFFERTORY

*This Is My Father's World*

arr. J. Raney

\*RESPONSE # 592

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS THANKING AND ASKING GOD, THE LORD'S PRAYER

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN # 538

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

\*CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

arr. F. Swann

(Note that some will be seated and others depart in joy and silence.)

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist	Rev. Michael Ludwig
Sermon	Rev. William R. Leety
Word with Children	Rev. Michael Ludwig
Musical Leadership	Nancy Deeth, Organ/Piano
Greeters	Donna Hall, Chris Leety, Jeff & Jane Leemhuis
Concerned Deacon	Vilora Severance
Head Usher	Chris Weldon

## IN MEMORIAM

*Russell N. Young*

January 2, 1924 ~ July 4, 2010

“I am the resurrection and the life.  
Those who believe in me, though they die, will live.”  
- John 11:25