

Announcements for the Week of 9/20 – 9/26

- 9/20: Worship Service 9 am in the Sanctuary & on Zoom
Coffee Hour after Worship
Granny’s Attic Drop-Off 10 – 12:30
- 9/21: AA 7:30 pm
Granny’s Attic Drop-Off 9 – 3 **Last Day for Drop Off!**
- 9/22: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am
Granny’s Attic Sorting & Pricing 9 am – 3 pm
- 9/23: Knit Wits 1:30 pm at Vivian’s Home
Common Ground Gathering 5:30 pm (Video) 6:30 pm (Discussion)
Granny’s Attic Sorting & Pricing 9 am – 3 pm
- 9/24: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am
Granny’s Attic Sorting & Pricing 9 am – 3 pm
- 9/25: Granny’s Attic Sorting & Pricing 9 am – 3 pm
Bake Sale Drop Off all day until 5 pm
- 9/26: Granny’s Attic Sale Day 9 am - 4 pm
Workers Arrive before 8:45 am
Baked Goods must be in by 8:30 am
- 9/28: **Mission & Social Justice Meeting 10:30 am in the Church Office**



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Worship Asst. – Abbie Breen

CENTERING MUSIC/PRELUDE

(If you have prayer concerns, please place them in the BLESSED basket in the rear of the Sanctuary, to be read during Joys and Concerns. If you are new or have changed your information recently, please fill out a green card and place it in the offering plate.)

PASTOR’S GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather today as people on a journey, traveling paths of both certainty and doubt.

People: We bring our joys, our weary steps, and our deepest questions.

Leader: God is the Center toward whom we travel, and the Way that leads to wholeness.

People: In every transition and new horizon, love meets us exactly where we are.

Leader: No matter how far we have wandered, or how uncertain the road ahead:

People: We step forward together, trusting that the Divine Presence walks with us.

Leader: Come, travelers, seekers, and companions on the way. Let us worship together.

People: Amen. Let us journey onward in hope.

***HYMN**

“Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds” (v. 1&5) #412

OPENING PRAYER

**God of the Open Road,
Breath of the Universe, and Companion on the Way,
We gather today acknowledging that we are all pilgrims on a lifelong journey. Grant us the courage to keep moving forward. May your love be the ground beneath our feet, your grace be our shelter, and your vision of a healed world be the compass that guides us in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

SCRIPTURE LESSON
Exodus 16: 2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.” Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’ ” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’ ”In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

RESPONSE

One: May God grant us wisdom and courage for interpretation.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

MORNING MESSAGE
Pastor Phil

JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING/OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY	<i>“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”</i> #592		
*HYMN	<i>“Live Into Hope”</i>	(v. 1&4)	#332
*BLESSING			

POSTLUDE

*Indicates to stand if you are able CCLI #309370

PRAYER LIST

Shirley Arnold; Abbie Breen; Rob Butts; Carol; Sarah Connelly; Eric Duquette; Denise; Nancy Fegan; Jerry; Susanne & Eucky Jones; Bonnie Mahnk; Howard Newton; Patricia; Roy Perry; Evelyn Rinella; Sherrie & Julia; Bonnie St. Clair; Anne Stevensen; Jane Way; Katie Williams

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