

September 27, 2020 Bulletin

Important Note to the Congregation

Welcome back! It is good to be together again, isn't it? While it feels good to worship alongside friends once again, it is important to remember that things will not be "normal" for quite some time. Until then, we appreciate your patience and willingness to "roll with the punches." Because your well-being is our #1 commitment, the following COVID-19 safety protocols have been implemented for our Sunday worship.

- 1. Attendance is limited to a maximum of 50 worshipers at any given service. If we find we need to add another service, we will do so.*
- 2. Worshipers are required to "Savior Seat" (save your seat) during the week leading up to the service. This can be done either online (www.phfumc.org) or by calling the church office.*
- 3. Every person attending the indoors in-person worship is required to wear a face covering/mask. The church will provide a disposable facemask for anyone who does not have one.*
- 4. Upon entering the building, everyone will be asked to sanitize their hands, after which they will be directed to one of the outside aisles for immediate seating.*
- 5. Seating is in every third pew (2 empty pews between). Ushers will direct worshipers to their pew, beginning at the front and working their way towards the rear of sanctuary. You may or may not end up in your 'usual' pew 😊.*
- 6. Non-family members are asked to keep at least 6 feet of distance from others in the same pew.*
- 7. Until group singing is considered safe, worship will not include congregational singing.*
- 8. The narthex restrooms are open and may be utilized by one person at a time. The sign on the door will indicate if the restroom is available or in use.*
- 9. At the close of worship, worshipers will be guided out of the sanctuary beginning in the back and working forward.*
- 10. Upon dismissal, worshipers are asked to immediately exit the building. Socializing (wearing masks, of course!) is encouraged to take place in the parking lot!*

Prelude

"Trust and Obey"
Arr. by Stewart Landon

Call to Worship (the liturgist alone; the people remain seated)

Lee Vander Esch

Liturgist: The refrain of one beloved hymn says, "Trust and obey! For there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." Another hymn says, "Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! O for grace to trust him more!"

Trusting God is the cornerstone of our faith. Regularly worshiping God helps strengthen that spiritual muscle. May our worship today be a means of learning to trust God more, so that we can boldly proclaim to anyone who will listen, "God has done wondrous things in our midst, and we will not be silent!"

Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Gathering Prayer& Lord's Prayer

Lee Vander Esch

- P: O God, we trust totally in you as we trust in no other. You are the creator of all things, and our life depends on you moment by moment.**
- L: You give us breath,
- P: and we respond with songs of praise and hymns of adoration.**
- L: You give us truth,
- P: and we teach others your word and try to model your ways.**
- L: You give us eternal life,
- P: and we share the gospel of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, with all who will listen.**
- L: You fill us with your Holy Spirit,
- P: and we love others as you have loved us.**
- L: You call us your friends, and we seek to be friends with the friendless.
- P: In all things we completely depend upon you and do not rest secure in our own strength or wisdom. Draw us closer to you and enable us to live more faithfully as followers of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray: 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.**

Welcome and Announcements

Special Music

"Walk by Faith"

Steve and Cathy Grattan

By Joel Raney

Tom Norager and Pearl Swanson

Scripture Readings

Exodus 17:1-7

Lee Vander Esch

17 The whole Israelite community broke camp and set out from the Sin desert to continue their journey, as the LORD commanded. They set up their camp at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people argued with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why are you arguing with me? Why are you testing the LORD?"

³ But the people were very thirsty for water there, and they complained to Moses, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?”

⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What should I do with this people? They are getting ready to stone me.”

⁵ The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of Israel’s elders with you. Take in your hand the shepherd’s rod that you used to strike the Nile River, and go. ⁶ I’ll be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Hit the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will be able to drink.” Moses did so while Israel’s elders watched. ⁷ He called the place Massah^[a] and Meribah,^[b] because the Israelites argued with and tested the LORD, asking, “Is the LORD really with us or not?”

Message

“Strike the Rock!”

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Give & Offertory

“We Have Come This Far by Faith”
By Joseph M. Martin

Steve and Cathy Grattan
Tom Norager and Pearl Swanson

Closing Song

"Without Seeing You"

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Refrain:

Without seeing you, we love you; without touching you, we embrace;
without knowing you, we follow; without seeing you, we believe.

1. We return to you deep within, leave the past to the dust;
turn to you with tears and fasting; you are ready to forgive. (Refrain)
2. The sparrow will find a home, near to you, O God;
how happy, we who dwell with you, forever in your house. (Refrain)
3. Forever we sing to you of your goodness, O God;
proclaiming to all the world of your faithfulness and love.
4. For you are our shepherd, there is nothing that we need;
in green pastures we will find our rest, near the waters of peace. (Refrain)

*Postlude