

*Journey*

In

**FAITH**

*"Continuing the work of Jesus.  
Peacefully. Simply. Together."*



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Welcome

Prelude Duet

*Celtic Folk Song*

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Call to Worship

Psalm 105:7-9 (CEV)

The Lord is our God, bringing justice everywhere on earth.  
[God] will never forget his agreement or his promises, not in  
thousands of years. God made an eternal promise.

### \* Opening Prayer

God of covenant, you promised Abraham land, descendants,  
and blessing so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us  
how to honor the covenant, so that we might be a blessing to  
others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord. Amen.

### \* Opening Hymn     *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*     # 606 VT

Verse 1:

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

Verse 2:

Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing waters flow.  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,  
be thou still my strength and shield, (strength and shield.)  
be thou still my strength and shield.

Verse 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, (give to thee.)  
I will ever give to thee.

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

### Time with our Children

#### Old Testament Reading

Hebrews 11:8-12 *(CEV)*

<sup>8</sup> Abraham had faith and obeyed God. He was told to go to the land that God had said would be his, and he left for a country he had never seen. <sup>9</sup> Because Abraham had faith, he lived as a stranger in the promised land. He lived there in a tent, and so did Isaac and Jacob, who were later given the same promise. <sup>10</sup> Abraham did this, because he was waiting for the eternal city God had planned and built.

<sup>11</sup> Even when Sarah was too old to have children, she had faith that God would do what he had promised, and she had a son.

<sup>12</sup> Her husband Abraham was almost dead, but he became the ancestor of many people. In fact, there are as many of them as there are stars in the sky or grains of sand along the seashore.

Verse 1:

Guide my feet while I run this race, yes, my Lord!  
Guide my feet while I run this race, yes, my Lord!  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Verse 2:

Hold my hand while I run this race, yes, my Lord!  
Hold my hand while I run this race, yes, my Lord!  
Hold my hand while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Verse 3:

Stand by me while I run this race, yes, my Lord!  
Stand by me while I run this race, yes, my Lord!  
Stand by me while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Verse 4:

I'm your child while I run this race, yes, my Lord!  
I'm your child while I run this race, yes, my Lord!  
I'm your child while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Verse 5:

Search my heart while I run this race, yes, my Lord!  
Search my heart while I run this race, yes, my Lord!  
Search my heart while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Verse 6:

Guide my feet while I run this race, yes, my Lord!  
Guide my feet while I run this race, yes, my Lord!  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

## WORSHIP IN GIVING

### Prayer for Giving

O God, to those who have hunger, give bread, and to those who have bread, give hunger for justice. Amen.

### Song of Giving      *There is More Love Somewhere*      # 804 VT

#### Verse 1:

There is more *love*\* somewhere. There is more *love*\* somewhere.  
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more *love*\* somewhere.

*Additional verses: hope peace joy*

## LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

### Special Music

*I Will Come to You*

David Haas

### Scripture Lesson

Genesis 12:1-9 (CEV)

#### The Lord Chooses Abram

12 The Lord said to Abram:

Leave your country, your family, and your relatives and go to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will bless you and make your descendants into a great nation. You will become famous and be a blessing to others. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, but I will put a curse on anyone who puts a curse on you. Everyone on earth will be blessed because of you.

<sup>4,5</sup> Abram was 75 years old when the Lord told him to leave the city of Haran. He obeyed and left with his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all the possessions and slaves they had acquired while in Haran.

When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup> Abram went as far as the sacred tree of Moreh in a place called Shechem. The Canaanites were still living in the land at that time, <sup>7</sup> but the Lord appeared to Abram and promised, "I will give this land

to your family forever.” Abram then built an altar there for the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> Abram traveled to the hill country east of Bethel and camped between Bethel and Ai, where he built another altar and worshiped the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Later, Abram started out toward the Southern Desert.

**Sermon**

“Journey in Faith”

## GO IN GOD’S NAME

**\* Closing Hymn**

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

# 759 VT

Verse 1:

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

Verse 2:

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.

Verse 3:

Take my intellect and use  
ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

Verse 4:

Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my will and make it thine;

it shall be no longer mine,  
it shall be no longer mine.

Verse 5:

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**

**Piano Postlude**

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

John Dykes

\* Please stand as able and led



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Flautist .....	Sarah Hartman
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Pianist/Organist .....	Bob Phillips
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