

A long, straight road stretching into the distance under a hazy sky. The road has a dashed white center line and solid white edge lines. The landscape is flat and appears to be a rural or agricultural area. The sky is a pale, overcast blue.

“THE LORD WILL FIGHT
FOR YOU;
YOU NEED ONLY TO
BE STILL.”

*“Continuing the work of Jesus.
Peacefully. Simply. Together.”*



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World Communion Sunday

Welcome

Organ Prelude

Prelude in E Major

F. Chopin

Prelude in E Major by Frederic Chopin, Lani Smith

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GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

Psalm 78:1-4 (CEV)

My friends, I beg you to listen as I teach. I will give instruction and explain the mystery of what happened long ago. These are things we learned from our ancestors, and we will tell them to the next generation. We won't keep secret the glorious deeds and the mighty miracles of the Lord.

* Opening Prayer

* Opening Hymn

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

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Verse 1:

Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come.
In wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
Our slav'ry left behind us, new hopes within us grow.
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.

Verse 2:

Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.
We are not lost, though wand'ring, for by your light we come,
and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.

Verse 3:

Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide our pilgrim way,
that we may trust the promise through struggle and delay.
We pray that those who follow will live to share that land
where justice dwells with mercy and love is law's demand.

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with our Children

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 78:12-16 (*NRSVUE*)

¹² In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan. ¹³ He divided the sea and let them pass through it and made the waters stand like a heap. ¹⁴ In the daytime he led them with a cloud and all night long with a fiery light. ¹⁵ He split rocks open in the wilderness and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep. ¹⁶ He made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Song *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*, verse 1 # 3 4 8 VT

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Verse 1:

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

Pastoral Prayer

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Stewardship Moment

Hermann Weinlick

What is Christian stewardship? It is simply our courageous attempt, having experienced the generosity and hospitality of the

God we know in Jesus, to live a life that reflects that generosity, the life that really is life.

Where do we find this abundant life? The I Timothy text is from a letter to the second-generation Christian church. The words *generous* and *share* stress that we live in community with others. Sometimes our understanding of Christian life centers on God and us as individuals, but that is not the vantage point of this epistle.

Scripture and tradition tell us that “the life that really is life” is life in community, life conscious of relationship with others. I am increasingly convinced that the task of church leaders is to help nurture a truly welcoming community.

As you worship today and throughout this week, think about the interweaving of courage, generosity, and community. How is God calling your congregation to model generosity through hospitality?

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LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29 (CEV)

⁵ When the king of Egypt heard that the Israelites had finally left, he and his officials changed their minds and said, “Look what we have done! We let them get away, and they will no longer be our slaves.” ⁶ The king got his war chariot and army ready. ⁷ He commanded his officers in charge of his 600 best chariots and all his other chariots to start after the Israelites

¹⁰ When the Israelites saw the king coming with his army, they were frightened and begged the Lord for help. ¹¹ They also complained to Moses, “Wasn’t there enough room in Egypt to bury us? Is that why you brought us out here to die in the desert? Why did you bring us out of Egypt anyway?” ¹² While we were

there, didn't we tell you to leave us alone? We'd rather be slaves in Egypt than die in this desert!"

¹³ But Moses answered, "Don't be afraid! Be brave, and you will see the Lord save you today. These Egyptians will never bother you again. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you, and you won't have to do a thing."

²¹ Moses stretched his arm over the sea, and the Lord sent a strong east wind that blew all night until there was dry land where the water had been. The sea opened up, ²² and the Israelites walked through on dry land with a wall of water on each side.

²³ The Egyptian chariots and cavalry went after them. ²⁴ But before daylight the Lord looked down at the Egyptian army from the fiery cloud and made them panic. ²⁵ Their chariot wheels got stuck, and it was hard for them to move. So the Egyptians said to one another, "Let's leave these people alone! The Lord is on their side and is fighting against us."

²⁶ The Lord told Moses, "Stretch your arm toward the sea—the water will cover the Egyptians and their cavalry and chariots."

²⁷ Moses stretched out his arm, and at daybreak the water rushed toward the Egyptians. They tried to run away, but the Lord drowned them in the sea. ²⁸ The water came and covered the chariots, the cavalry, and the whole Egyptian army that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them was left alive.

²⁹ But the sea had made a wall of water on each side of the Israelites, so they walked through on dry land.

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Verse 2:

'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen.
Now rejoice, Jerusalem, and with true affection
welcome in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

GO IN GOD’S NAME

* Closing Song

When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land

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Verse 1:

When Israel was in Egypt’s land, let my people go;
oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go!

Refrain:

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt’s land.
Tell old Pharaoh: Let my people go!

Verse 2:

“Thus saith the Lord,” bold Moses said, “Let my people go!
If not, I’ll smite your firstborn dead. Let my people go!”

Refrain

Verse 3:

“No more shall they in bondage toil: let my people go!
Let them come out with Egypt’s spoil: let my people go!”

Refrain

Verse 4:

The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go.
to lead the childr’n of Israel through, let my people go.

Refrain

Verse 5:

They journeyed on at God’s command, “Let my people go!”
and came at length to Canaan’s land, let my people go.

Refrain

Verse 6:

Oh, let us all from bondage flee; let my people go!
And let us all in Christ be free: let my people go!

Refrain

*** Benediction**

Piano Postlude

Walk Worthy of The Lord

Lani Smith

Lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God (Colossians 1:10)

* Please stand as able and led



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Song Leader.....	Freda Wilkins
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