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**July 3 2022– Travels, Trips, and Journeys:
A Service of Word and Song for Summer**

10:00 AM – Worship

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Prelude: ELW 888 - *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* - Congregational Singing

Opening Hymn - ELW #618 - Guide me ever, great Redeemer

Greeting

The God who created space and time, journeyed with us in human form, and travels with us still, be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us when we travel. Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Psalmody: Psalm 139:1-12

¹O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

**¹²even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

PLANS AND PREPARATIONS

Reading: Ephesians 6:10-17 *Put on the armor of God*

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the

cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

A brief silence for prayer and meditation.

Dialogue and Prayer

What should we pack as we begin our journey?

What should we bring along?

The word of God to illumine our path.

The light of Christ to show us the way.

The gifts of the Spirit to share with those we meet.

The love of God to be our compass and guide.

Let us pray. God of our salvation,

you are the source of all our beginnings.

As we plan for our journeys, strengthen us through your word.

Orient our lives toward Christ, the bright Morning Star.

Send your Holy Spirit as our companion along the way.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn - ELW #514 - "O Word of God incarnate"

SETTING OUT

Reading: Genesis 12:1-9 *God calls Abraham and sends him out*

¹Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

A brief silence for prayer and meditation.

Dialogue and Prayer

God called to Abraham:

“Go! Set out! And I will bless you.”

God calls to us:

“Come! Feel the water on your head!

Hear the promise of new life.

Spread my word through all the world.”

Let us pray. God of beginnings,

**you called Abraham and Sarah,
leading them to unknown places.**

**In the waters of baptism, you claim us and send us out as your
children.**

**Wash us with your grace and shower us with your Spirit,
so that we journey into the world overflowing with your love.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn - ELW #446 - "I'm going on a journey"

ON THE ROAD

Reading: Mark 1:35-39 *Jesus travels and preaches throughout Galilee*

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

A brief silence for prayer and meditation.

Dialogue and Prayer

On the Galilean road, Jesus stopped to reflect and pray.

We, too, long for rest and a balm for our souls.

Seeing those in need, Jesus healed, taught, and fed.

We are called to live as servants,

loving our neighbors as ourselves

Holding the children close, Jesus blessed them;

for to such as these the kingdom of heaven belongs.

On the road to Bethlehem, the true light came into the world.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us

and we have seen his glory.

Let us pray. God of incarnation,

you entered our world as a tiny baby and you journey with us through each stage of our lives. Be with our children and youth who are growing in your love. Guide us all as the years and decades pass.

Send us in the light of your grace and truth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn - ELW #636 - "How small our span of life"

WHEN THE WAY BECOMES HARD

Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-8 *Elijah in the wilderness*

1Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." 3Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

4But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." 5Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." 6He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. 7The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." 8He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

A brief silence for prayer and meditation.

Dialogue and Prayer

We sit like Elijah alone in the wilderness.

“It is enough, O Lord.”

The troubles of life overwhelm our spirits.

“It is enough, O Lord.”

The way seems too dark; the valleys, too deep.

“It is enough, O Lord.”

God rescues us from despair and grants us strength.

“You are beloved, my precious child.”

Let us pray. God of our sorrows,

when we grieve a loved one, face an illness, or lose a job,

the road seems long, lonely, and treacherous. Comfort us in our

despair, guide us through the wilderness, and enfold us in your loving

embrace. Grant your mercy and peace. to all those in need this day. In

Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Hymn - ELW #624 - “Jesus, still lead on”

JOYFUL HOMECOMINGS

Reading: Philippians 3:12—4:1 *Pressing toward the heavenly goal*

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. ¹⁶Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of

the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

A brief silence for prayer and meditation.

Dialogue and Prayer

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

We believe in God, we believe in Christ.

“I go to prepare a dwelling place for you.”

You are the way, the truth, and the life.

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.”

Lord, we abide in your love.

“You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Jesus, lead us in the path of your peace.

Let us pray. God of resurrection,

neither death nor life will separate us from your love.

Walk with us when our journeys lead toward home.

Strengthen us to follow the way of the cross and bring us at last into the joy of your heavenly kingdom. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Hymn - ELW #697 - “Just a closer walk with thee”

Reflection - Beth Ross

The reflection may conclude:

**God's word is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.**

Hymn ELW# 815- *I want to walk as a child of the light*

APOSTLES' CREED

(Please stand , if able)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

O God, we give you thanks for those who have traveled the path of faith: for Abraham and Sarah, who trusted in your promise; for Mary and Joseph, who acted according to your word; for Paul, who spread the good news of Christ. Lead us also in your way, your truth, and your life. God of the journey,

hear our prayer.

Watch over all who travel. Grant rest and joy for their spirits. Be with bus drivers, flight attendants, pilots, road crews, and all who strive to make our travels safe and our homecomings joyful. God of the journey,

hear our prayer.

You sent your Son into the messiness of our world. Smooth the pathways between people and nations, that together we will move toward your justice and peace. God of the journey,

hear our prayer.

You walk with us on all the paths of life. Be with those facing hardship this day: the grieving, the poor, the lost, the sick (*especially*). Hold them in the palm of your hand. God of the journey,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Peace

Offering

Offertory Music: Gladys Nicholas - *Let Freedom Ring*

Offering Song

**O Trinity of love and pow'r,
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.**

(ELW 756, st. 4)

Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

The Lord watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore

In the name of the Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Sending Song - ELW #545 - "Lord, dismiss us with your blessing"

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ goes with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: ELW 891 - *God Bless Our Native Land* – (Congregational Singing)

Helping in Worship

Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- TBD
Altar Guild	- Beth Snyder and Serena Ashmore
Lector	- Scott Gaun
Usher	- Joe Hlavaty
Council Counting Team	- Val McGinn and Mark Harwick
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY, July 3rd- Travels, Trips, and Journeys: A Service of Word and Song for Summer
- Next Sunday, July 10th- 5th Sunday after Pentecost
- Next Sunday, July 10th – A Congregational Meeting will be held after worship to vote on the MSP
 - The Adult Bible study meets from 2:00-4:00 at the home of Don Seipt and Kathy Hlavaty on Thursdays. Carpooling from the church is available.
- Pastor will not be back in the office until July 8th- Pastoral emergencies while Pastor Heckman is away will be with Pastor Guider.

- Lemonade on the Lawn will be held Next , Sunday, July 10th (Lynn Gaun)
- Please remember to pick up this quarter's offering envelopes in the Narthex. If you already picked yours up, why not take a set to someone who you know who hasn't been in church recently- let them know we miss them.
- VBS – Again this year the VBS is being jointly sponsored by ELCD, Trinity, Pleasant Valley and St. Peter's, Riegelsville. It is being held @ Trinity, Pleasant Valley on July 25- 29 from 6:30- 8:45PM. There will be a joint picnic on Sunday, July 31st @ NOON at Trinity. There is a sign up list which needs your name indicating you will be attending.
- JULY BIRTHDAYS- JULY 3rd - Linda Sauter, Brandon Rodd; JULY 4th - Becca Anderson
- JULY ANNIVERSARIES- JULY 6th - Virginia & Ken Hager (58)
- JULY BAPTISMS - JULY 7th - Norma Fox
- Our Outreach envelopes for July and August will go to our two local food banks
- There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for Food Basket donations. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.

Please lift the following up in prayer: ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Barbara Naska; Steven Streletz; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Wanda Altemose; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Deb Carmichael; Alice Cicatiello; Stephanie Courtney; Jacob Currie; Lisa & Dave DeLorenzo; Chris Fear; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; George & Lois James; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Jim McAnally; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Debbie Schultz; Alex Sempt; Ron Steele; Jesse Stimell; Donna Storm; Jeffrey Tapler; Russ Trauger; and Linda Wilson.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo & Ken Eck; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.