

Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. "LORD," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? 12Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. 13Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'" 14Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Hymn *Guide My Feet...* #354

Philippians 4:1-9

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the LORD in this way, dear friends! ²I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the LORD. ³Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the LORD always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The LORD is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by pray-

er and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things. ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me-put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Sermon *Rev. Jacquelyn Pinkowski*

Responding in Faith

Affirmation of Faith Romans 14: 7-9

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again.

The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music

Response *Gloria Patri* #578

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Going into the World

+Hymn *Of the Father's Love Begotten...* #309

+Charge and Benediction

+Postlude

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October 15, 2017

+Stand as you are able
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold type

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Lighting of the Christ candle

+Call to Worship

L: Here in this place, with these people, we come to worship the living God.

P: In you, O God, we hope; in you, Creator of love, we live.

L: Here in this sacred space, in these very moments, we are invited to the Table of Joy.

P: In you, Christ of the Way, we rejoice; in you, dear Brother, grace is as near as your heart.

L: Here on this day of gentleness and beauty, we are filled with the peace of God.

P: In you, O Spirit, we find our path; in you, Teacher of hope, we learn to serve.

+Opening Prayer

When we realize how we are blessed beyond every imagining, we can sing of your surprising grace and your steadfast presence to a world which has grown deaf from the noise of empty clichés.

When we remember your love which has no beginning and no end, when we stand in grace's sweet waters swirling around our hearts, we can rejoice in your hope which sees every person, even

those we would never invite into our circles, as your beloved child.

When we remember your call to treat every single person with dignity, justice, and hope, we can share your peace (even when we don't recognize it) with a society which believes violence is the solution to every single problem.

God in Community, Holy in One, as you live in us, so we will live for others, even as we pray. **Amen**

+Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness...#276*

Call to Confession

Called to have the same mind as Christ, we often spend too much time thinking about all those ways which then lead us astray. But, if we confess our sins, God will forgive us, and strengthen us to be Christ's sisters and brothers. Join me as we pray together, saying ...

Confession

You would call us to your feast, Inviting God, but our busy lives keep us from responding. You remember every word we utter, every prayer we whisper, but we forget all the little ways you care for us. You would make your gentleness known through us, but we lash out in anger and fear towards others.

Forgive us, God of all hope, and re-

member your Servant, Jesus Christ. In him, we can live in your way. Through him, we can learn the dreams you have for us. **With him, we can open our arms and embrace all the people we meet.**

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

L: As we are forgiven by God, we can begin to reflect on all those ways in which we can live justly, act honorably, love completely. This is indeed good news for us.

P: At the Wedding Feast, we are fed with grace, and nourished with joy, so we may go and bring hope and peace to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Solo

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Exodus 32:1-14 1When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." 2Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." 3So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. 4He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." 5When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD." 6So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry. 7Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. 8They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.' 9'I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. 10Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation." 11But