

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please use the welcome pad in the blue folder at the end of the pew. Record your presence. Pass it back, noticing who is worshiping with you. When the pad has been returned, please tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate.)

MINUTE FOR SERVICE

Sandy Bishop

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, when we fail to trust your guidance in our lives. We confess that when we are confronted with crises in our lives, we hunger and thirst for immediate solutions and are too often quick to assign blame when this does not happen. Forgive us when we forget that you are with us in our troubles, suffering with us and giving us the strength to cope. Forgive us when we look to earthly sources to satisfy the thirst for meaning in our lives. Remind us that your love has been poured into our hearts through the sacrificial love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Replenish and soften our hearts with the living water that only Christ can give. In his name we pray, Amen.

PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

KYRIE Hymnal No. 565

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: The God who calls us is the God who created us; the God who formed us is the God who forgives us. We are God's new creation. Believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Leader: Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened his heart to us, and God will be glorified.

People: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

(Exchange Signs of Reconciliation and the Peace of Christ with your neighbor - e.g., *"The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you."*
Response - *"And also with you."*)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

+ *Children and youth leave for their classes* +

* HYMN

Rock of Ages
(please see insert in your bulletin)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

ANTHEM

Wayfaring Stranger

arr. Alice Parker

RICKY RYERSON, MEZZO-SOPRANO

*I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger A travel'n through this world of woe.
But there's no sickness, no toil nor danger In that bright world to which I go.
I'm goin' there to see my father; I'm goin' there no more to roam.
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan, I'm just a-goin' over home.*

*I know dark clouds will gather 'round me, I know my way is rough and steep;
But golden fields lay just before me, Where God's redeemed no more shall weep.
I'm goin' there to see my mother; I'm goin' there no more to roam.
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan, I'm just a-goin' over home.*

*I want to wear a crown of glory, When I get home to that good land.
I want to sing salvation's story, In concert with the blood-washed band;
I'm goin' home to see my Savior; To sing his praise forevermore.
I'm just a-goin' o'er Jordan, I'm just a-goin' o'er home.*

SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

SERMON

"Simply Forgiven"

Rev. Richard S. Hong

OFFERTORY

Go Not Far From Me, O God

Zingarelli

*Go not far from me, O God; Cast me not away in the time of age; Forsake me not
when my strength faileth me. O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise, that I may
sing Thy glory and honor all the day long.*

* THE DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

* HYMN 510 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts *Quebec*

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE Moto Ostinato (Sunday Music) *Peter Eben*

(Our worship ends with the conclusion of the Postlude. It is the custom of our church to remain seated. Those who wish to leave may do so.)

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 17:1-7 (NRSV)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Romans 5:1-11 (NRSV)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God

through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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