

WE RESPOND

August 15, 2021

9:30AM

REFLECTING ON THE JOURNEY: Travel journal questions (insert)

PRAYER SONG: Lead Me Lord UMH #374 (optional ending)

PRAYER TIME

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION FOR THE WORLD, FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER:

OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #94

WE VENTURE FORTH

\*HYMN: Let Us Walk This Road Together (insert)

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE:

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Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

# The Encounter



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*...becoming a Christ-led community.*

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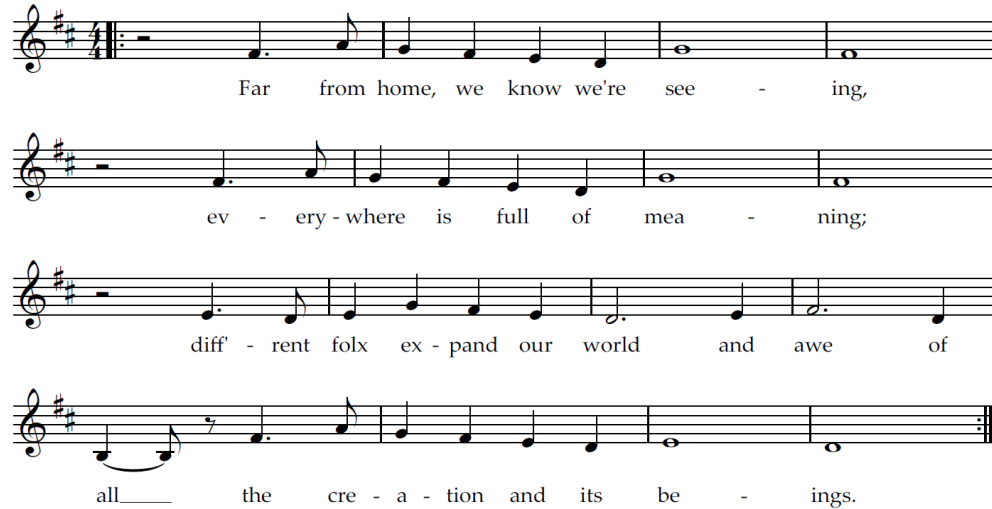
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Lay Leader	Bucky Bethancourt
Organist/Pianist	Jeanette Young
Liturgist	Ellen Bloom

## GATHERING

PRELUDE:

GATHERING AND GREETING

ENTERING THE JOURNEY: "The Quest"<sup>1</sup>



Far from home, we know we're see - ing,  
ev - ery - where is full of mea - ning;  
diff - rent folk ex - pand our world and awe of  
all the cre - a - tion and its be - ings.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Liturgist: Sojourning God,

your Spirit exists everywhere, on every path,

**People: inviting us to move with curiosity and compassion toward each other.**

Liturgist: Open us to the depth of our connections

**People: even when it seems difference is so profound.**

Liturgist: Show us our shared humanity

**People: so that we will know what others love, see that we love the same, and share the burdens and the love.**

Liturgist: Nudge and guide us, we pray.

**All: Amen.**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

\*HYMN:

The Summons

TFWS #2130

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Pastor: The water of this blue planet connects us all, no matter  
Where...forward into discipleship with Christ. Let us pray:

**People: Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts  
and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves,  
through what we have done and left undone.**

**Forgive us when we turn away.**

**Guide us as we seek to turn around toward greater love.**

**Lead us to travel in your ways.**

**Amen.**

Pastor: Know this: The cup of grace is extended...In the name of Jesus Christ,  
you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**Glory to God. Amen!**

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the risen Christ is with you!

**People: And also with you!**

WE PROCLAIM

CHILDREN'S TIME: Bring Forth the Kingdom of God TFWS #2190 (v. 2)

SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 146

MUSIC FOR THE JOURNEY: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

SCRIPTURE:

John 4:7-40

MESSAGE:

The Encounter

Rev. Ann Lyter

NETTLETON

1. Let us walk this road to - ge - ther, pilgrims traveling side by side.  
2. Let us walk this road to - ge - ther, brothers, sisters in the fold.

Let us brave the stormy weather; in the Rock we safe -ly hide.  
Caring not for "why?" or "whether" but by faith made strong and bold.

Let us share our joys and sorrows on the journey here be - low.  
Who can know where God will send us? Who can know what God will ask?

If we walk this road to - ge - ther God will guide us as we go.  
Still by faith we journey onward, sharing in the gospel task.

3. Let us walk this road together with our hands and hearts entwined.  
Let us feel the Spirit's tether drawing us, both heart and mind.  
We will pray and praise and worship, brothers, sisters, servants all  
On the road of grace and glory, ever faithful to God's call.



Recall a time when you were in unfamiliar surroundings. Were you excited to meet someone new? Or did you have uncomfortable or fearful feelings about an encounter?

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Have you had an encounter with other religious practices? Do you know people who practice other faith traditions? What does your answer mean for your view of the world?

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Whether we like to admit it or not, people "not like us" or places "far from home" can bring up feelings of fear. How do you think this affects our world? Can you imagine being part of changing this? How?

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## Announcements

**Wiggle Wednesdays:** The idea is we gather at the church on Wednesdays at 10 am in Burgess Hall. We will have easy and fun things to do, like yoga or chair yoga, walking, or simple stretches. We will keep it simple enough for beginners with modifications for those who want to take it a step up or take a step back. We will try different things until we find something we want to focus on. When the weather suits, we may meet outside. Wear comfortable, supportive shoes, comfortable clothes you can move in. Please bring a water bottle, preferably a refillable one. Masks will be required.

**Lunch with Pastor:** Tuesday, August 17, will be lunch with the Pastor at 12:00 pm. The menu will be different foods from around the world. Let your taste buds enjoy food from Mexico, China, South Africa and other wonderful places. We would love to hear your stories of travels you have been on near or far. Remember to go to [Bookapew.com/SUMC](http://Bookapew.com/SUMC) to reserve your spot or call the church office, 480-946-5301.

**Fieldtrip with the church:** Tuesday, August 24, we will go to the Arizona Museum of Natural History, 53 N Macdonald, Mesa. Journey with us to the arid deserts and high plateaus of the American Southwest that gave rise to three unique prehistoric cultures: Ancestral Pueblo (Anasazi), Mogollon and Hohokam. All dates are BCE (Before Current Era, or BC) and CE (Current Era, or AD). You will have the opportunity to see some of the other exhibits in Art, Geology, Paleontology, and many more. We will meet at the church office at 9:30 if you would like to carpool or you can meet us at the museum at 10:00 to start our day. Cost is \$10. These tickets must be purchased before going to reserve our spot. The church will order the tickets for the time we are going. Please notify the office by August 17 if you plan to go.

## Announcements

**Sermon Series:** The main point of the series is not so much where or how you “travel,” but that the act of expanding our horizons and challenging our preconceived notions is essential to our journey of faith. This is the “traveler’s mindset” and it can also happen right at home. If you have traveled, will you share your travel pictures with us? You can bring your photos and any memorabilia you are willing to share to the office or send digital photos to [office@scottsdaleumc.org](mailto:office@scottsdaleumc.org). We will share the pictures during worship and the memorabilia in the sanctuary display case. We would also love to hear your travel stories. If there is sufficient interest, we would love to have a dinner or a luncheon where you share your travel stories.



**VBS is coming:** Save the date for VBS October 11-15 from 9:00-11:30 AM. **Volunteers are needed as Group Leaders, or help with Crafts, Music, Storytelling, Science, Recreation and Snack time.** Contact Chris Alter at 602-206-1520.



**Welcome Jeanette Young!** Join us in welcoming our new music director Jeanette Young (you’ve been listening to her play in worship). Anyone who wants to sing and has been vaccinated against COVID is invited to come on August 25th from 6:00-7:00 pm for a Meet and Greet, to meet Jeanette, share some pie and dessert and kick off a great choir season which will begin in September.

**HAPPY  
100<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY!**

**SUMC wishes Betty Grenig a happy  
100th birthday!**

