

WE RESPOND

August 22, 2021

9:30AM

REFLECTING ON THE JOURNEY: Travel journal questions (insert)

PRAYER SONG: Lead Me Lord UMH #473 (optional ending)

PRAYER TIME

PRAYER VIDEO:

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER:

OFFERINGS

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

WE VENTURE FORTH

*HYMN: Shall We Gather at the River #723

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE:

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Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Reflection



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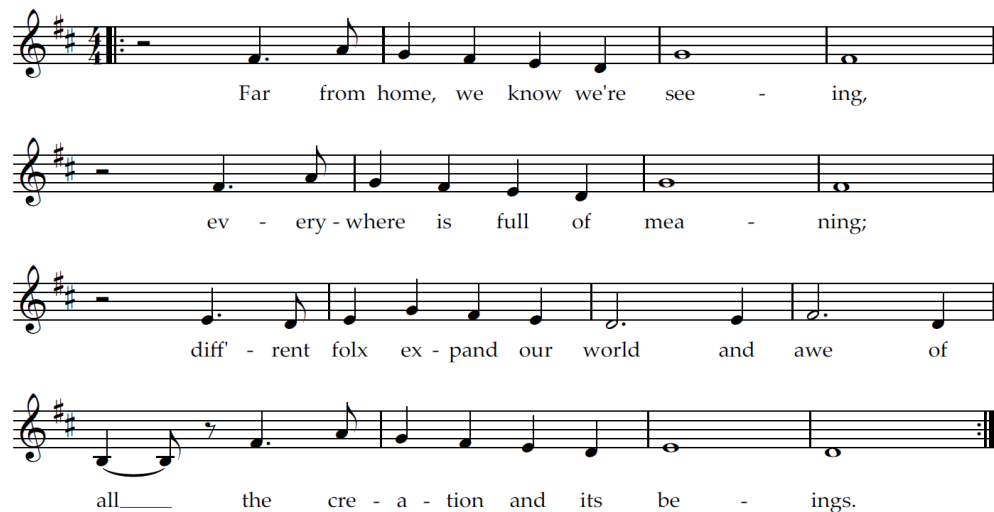
Pastor	Rev. Ann Lyter pastorann@scottsdaleumc.org
Lay Leader	Bucky Bethancourt
Organist/Pianist	Jeanette Young
Liturgist	Bucky Bethancourt

GATHERING

PRELUDE:

GATHERING AND GREETING

ENTERING THE JOURNEY: "The Quest"¹



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: Decenter us even if we become uncomfortable.

People: Show us how to be humble and willing to accept that all beings are sacred as created by you

Liturgist: so that we will grow in peace,

People: expand in love, and deepen in understanding.

Liturgist: Nudge and guide us, we pray.

All: Amen.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

*HYMN:

He Leadeth Me

#128

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. 3)

SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 65:17-25

MUSIC FOR THE JOURNEY: It's a Long Road to Freedom

SCRIPTURE:

Revelations 7:1-14, 9-10

MESSAGE:

The Reflection

Rev. Ann Lyter

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.

Remember if you signed up for the Fieldtrip: Tuesday, August 24, we will go to the Arizona Museum of Natural History, 53 N Macdonald, Mesa. 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 have been purchased to reserve our spot.



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.



Can you recall an experience that “decentered” you? Reminded you that not everyone lives with the same values, expectations, opportunities?

How did that make you feel?

Does the diversity of the world’s people and their ways of life and ways of spirituality give you a grateful feeling of abundance or a fearful feeling of chaos? What happens to that when you remember the Creator who set it all in motion?
