

Order of Worship  
Sunday, July 4, 2021

**“Starting Out on a Journey”**

*(\*Denotes inclusion in posted video, unmarked items will be recorded live and included, music videos will be shown in worship and included in posted playlist)*

\*Opening Video

Prelude Dr. Olga Aynvarg

Welcome Peggy Potterf

Opening Song (Video) “We Are Standing on Holy Ground” -  
Malcolm Cartwright -Divine Hymns  
Words/Music by Geron Davis

Opening to the Spirit's Instruction

Scripture Reading Exodus 3: 1 - 6 Peggy Potterf

1 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” 4 When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” 5 Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” 6 He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

*May God's Spirit speak to us today through these words of Scripture, the music we sing and hear, and the message shared this day.*

Song (Video) “Lead Me, Guide Me” - First Plymouth Church, Lincoln NB  
Words/Music by Doris Akers

Sermon “Starting Out on a Journey” Pastor D. Scott Allen

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Song (Video) "This is a Day of New Beginnings" - drolas 94  
Words - Brian Wren/Music - Carlton Young

\*Prayers for Our World and One Another

Let us enter now into a time of prayer for one another and for our world. We will do what is called a Bidding Prayer. I will open, and then I will bid your prayers based around various categories. During the silence after each category is bid, I invite you to add your own prayers, either aloud or in silence. I will then close with a prayer, then the Lord's Prayer. Let us be in prayer.

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Let us pray now for all who are ill, in hospital or at home, especially those affected by cancer or COVID-19.

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Let us pray now for all medical and emergency services personnel who are responding to the best of their abilities with the resources that they have at hand.

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Let us pray now for all those who are hungry or food insecure, and for all community and religious efforts to provide food and shelter.

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Let us pray for all who are still displaced from their homes, and those who have no home.

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Let us pray for the leaders of nations around the world, not only regarding their response to this pandemic, but also that they may do everything possible to assure the health and welfare of their citizens.

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Let us pray for all school and college governing boards, administrations and staff, all faculty, and students as they work to offer appropriate and equitable education in a manner that protects the health and safety of all persons.

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Let us pray for our friends, family, and neighbors for their health and well-being.

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Let us also express our thanks to God for the expressions of love and caring that we have witnessed in our families, communities, and world.

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Let us express our gratitude for life and the myriad things that gladden our hearts.

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These prayers, spoken aloud or in silence, we lift into the universal embrace of the One who is Love, and we make them in the name of the One who showed us what Love looks like in the flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, and we now join our voices in the prayer he taught us, saying:

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Prayer Response (Video) "I Love You, Lord" - Ghing Heria

Words/Music by Laurie Klein

## We Offer Ourselves in Commitment and Service

Acknowledgment of Gifts

Nadine Wiles

Song of Dedication (Video) "Give Thanks" - Maranatha! Music

Words/Music by Henry Smith

Celebration of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

>People: And also with you.

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>We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

>It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty God, we bless you for creation and all that you have made, for your gracious covenant with a people transformed by your holiness, and for your steadfast love in sending the prophets to call us to repent and to walk in your ways.

>You faithfully guide all who seek your paths and your ways.

Your own Son is our Way, our Truth, and our Life.

>Help us to walk each day as your beloved children, and to live as followers of your Son.

With thanksgiving we remember your love for the world in sending your Son to live and die as one of us.

>You put your Spirit upon him. He proclaimed release to the captives, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners

Before his death on the cross he took bread and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup and said, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

>By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church and made all things new.

By your Holy Spirit make this bread and wine to be for us the body and blood of Christ.

>Fill us with your love, uniting us with Christ, and with one another.

Through Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Music for Reflection

Dr. Olga Aynvarg

Closing Hymn (Video) "You Shall Go Out With Joy" - Acoustic Music - vbttyree  
Words - Steffi G. Ruben/Music - Stuart Dauerman

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Sending Forth  
\*Closing Video

Pastor Scott