



And the heart
of the journey, the heart of our
awakening, is to discover for
ourselves that the leaves are not
the ground, and that sweeping
them aside will reveal a path,
and finally, that to fully live,
we must take the path and
keep sweeping it.

Excerpt from "Being Here" by Mark Nepo

October 11, 2020

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to October. Welcome to this month where we focus our work on eliminating bullying of any kind. Where we work to change attitudes of intolerance. Where we seek to leave only positive footprints. Welcome. Where we encourage and facilitate open dialogue, appreciate all identities and backgrounds and develop acceptance for the diversity in the human family! October Bullying Prevention Month!

Prepare your Heart

“Encourage don't belittle, embrace their individuality. And show them that no matter what they will always have value if they stay true to themselves.”

Solange nicole

“Smiles and kindness bring so much more than money can buy. Help and acceptance are all that is needed when you see someone cry.

Open your eyes, and let everyone be free. Free to be you and free to be me. Take comfort in knowing we are all leaves on the same big, beautiful tree.”

Jennifer Sodini, *The Unity Tree: A Whimsical Muse on Cosmic Consciousness*

“A person who posses a cunning attitude are not always academically intelligent, but they are considered clever because they can manipulate and cause harm towards others in order to gain something out of them for their own benefit. They can be defeated if people stand up towards them and point out their actual inappropriate behavioral activities with logical reasoning.”

— Saaif Alam

“Wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it. Right is right even if no one is doing it.”

St. Augustine

“Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying ‘I will try again tomorrow.’”

Mary Anne Radmacher

“Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else.”

Mr. Rogers

Order of Worship

Bold type denotes congregation speaking aloud.

Preparatory Music

Dave Ramsey

Welcome

Rev. Sharon Langfeldt

Call to Worship

Katherine Turpin

Look around at this wondrous world! The acts of creation are magnificent! Look around at the diversity of all people of the world! Diversity is to be celebrated for we have much to learn from each other. Come, let us offer praise and prayer to love and peace. Let us celebrate all goodness, for even in the midst of the horrible storm, the Love of God is with us. AMEN.

Gathering Hymn

Blest Are They

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Vater Unser 11 (Our Father in Heaven) by Johann Ulrich Steigleder (1593-1635)

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Time of Prayer

Prayers

Time of Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Please begin the Lord's Prayer using whichever metaphor for God works for your theology.

In this community, you will hear the traditional "Our Father" but, we also recognize the ways patriarchy is at play so many lead with "Our Creator."

Our Creator, 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.

Children's Moment

Come, Share the Lord

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Spirit-Filled Reading

From "Being Here" by Mark Nepo

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Scripture

Exodus 32:1-14 CEB

Katherine Turpin

The people saw that Moses was taking a long time to come down from the mountain. They gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come on! Make us gods who can lead us. As for this man Moses who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we don't have a clue what has happened to him."

Aaron said to them, "All right, take out the gold rings from the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took out the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He collected them and tied them up in a cloth. Then he made a metal image of a bull calf, and the people declared, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"

When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf. Then Aaron announced, "Tomorrow will be a festival to the Lord!" They got up early the next day and offered up entirely burned offerings and brought well-being sacrifices. The people sat down to eat and drink and then got up to celebrate.

The Lord spoke to Moses: "Hurry up and go down! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, are ruining everything! They've already abandoned the path that I commanded. They have made a metal bull calf for themselves. They've bowed down to it and offered sacrifices to it and declared, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I've been watching these people, and I've seen how stubborn they are. Now leave me alone! Let my fury burn and devour them. Then I'll make a great nation out of you."

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God, "Lord, why does your fury burn against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and amazing force? Why should the Egyptians say, 'He had an evil plan to take the people out and kill them in the mountains and so wipe them off the earth'? Calm down your fierce anger. Change your mind about doing terrible things to your own people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, whom you yourself promised, 'I'll make your descendants as many as the stars in the

sky. And I've promised to give your descendants this whole land to possess for all time.'" Then the Lord changed his mind about the terrible things he said he would do to his people.

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Thanks be to God.

Message "Keep Sweeping" Rev. Sharon Langfeldt

Reflection Song (Instrumental) *Give Thanks* TFWS 2036

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Prayer of Thanks

Announcements

Blessing

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