



QUEST:

The Awakened Traveler Travel as a Spiritual Act

Week One: Introduction

July 14, 2024

WE GATHER

The chime is rung as an invitation to settle, with gratitude, into this moment, this place,
with these people and the God who gathers us in.

Prelude

Words for the Journey: *Psalm 23:1-3* (The Message)

God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing. You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from. True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

Opening Prayer*

HYMN *Here in This Place* VT 10

The Peace of Christ be with you! (*Fellowship Greeting*)

HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* VT 114

WE LISTEN & PROCLAIM

Our Quest for Peace – *Lighting the Peace Lamp*

Children's Time

HYMN *Like a Rock* VT 63

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 23; Acts 9:1-19*

Meditation

WE RESPOND & SHARE OUR STORIES

Food for the Path Ahead: Receiving the Gifts of God at the Lord's Table

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

I ask you today, Do you want Jesus to walk with you?

I want Jesus to walk with me.

Come to the table, for he is here!

We gather at the table – food for the journey!

VT 306 *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* (verse 1)

CONFESSION

Leader: ... Let us pray:

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

VT 306 *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* (verses 2-3)

Leader: Know this: at the moment of despair and unknowing,
Jesus appeared to the disciples on the road.
He is our constant companion
and invites us always to break open our lives and share,
traveling together toward the Kingdom of Love.
In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
Glory to God! AMEN

VT 306 *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

When I'm singin', Lord walk with me (repeat)

When I'm praisin' all of God's goodness ... Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Come to the Table!

Everyone is invited to use the center aisle to come to the front to receive bread (*gf crackers available*); then travel to the back of the sanctuary in the side aisles to receive juice/grapes.

CLOSING BLESSING

VT 306 *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

When I'm lovin', Lord walk with me (repeat)

When I'm caring for all God's children .. Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Prayers of the People (*with Lord's Prayer*)

Reflecting on the Journey – An Invitation

WE VENTURE FORTH

Announcements

HYMN *You are Salt for the Earth* VT 297

Benediction**

Postlude

QUEST worship series based on a series developed by Worship Design Studio www.worshipdesignstudio.com

*Opening Prayer from: [Words for Worship](#). Arlene M. Mark. #135

**Benediction from: [Celtic Blessings: Prayers for Everyday Life](#). Compiled by Ray Simpson

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all-church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.

Sound: Adam Pounds
Livestream: Joel Iwashige
Ushers: Cheryl Warkentin & Marlene Thode
Nursery: Kris & Joyce Lindenberger
Pianist: Peggy Stucky
Worship Leader: Calvin Buller
Song Leader: Pastor Tonya
Scripture Reader: Sadie Pritchett, Heidi Unruh
Children's Time: DeAnna Goering
Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger
Communion Preparers: Dohn & Jeanette Fast

Communion Servers: Pastor Tonya, Pastor Jim Unruh, Calvin Buller, Heidi Unruh, Marlene Thode

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!

Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary. You can also now donate electronically on our website.

Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!

TODAY:

- **Fellowship** with drinks in the Common Grounds room after worship.
- **Next Sunday School** – July 21

LOOKING AHEAD:

- July 23-August 9 – Pastor Tonya sabbatical time away
- July 27 – FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen – sign up sheets are posted
- August 2-4 – WDC annual assembly, Beatrice NE (delegates needed, on-line or in person)

PERSONAL and FAMILY MEDITATION:

Upper Room – July-August is expected to arrive in the next few days. Check back above mailboxes.

REJOICE! – the August-September issue is now on the shelf above the mailboxes.



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