



Week Two: Leaving Home

July 21, 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: *Exodus 13:21*

Opening Prayer (in unison)

*Sojourning God, your Spirit exists everywhere, on every path,
inviting us to move with curiosity and compassion toward each other.
Give us courage to leave the familiar, to venture out beyond our walls,
taking leave so that we will see with wider vision,
know with deeper appreciation, exist with expanded perception.*

Nudge and guide us, we pray. AMEN

HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* VT 606

Prayer of Confession:

*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.

Words of Assurance

The Peace of the Risen Christ is with you!

And also with you! (Fellowship Greeting)

HYMN *Ask the Complicated Questions* VT 440

WE LISTEN & PROCLAIM

Our Quest for Peace - Lighting the Peace Lamp

Children's Time of Unpacking

(with *You are Salt for the Earth* VT 306)

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 121, Exodus 13:17-21*

Sermon

WE RESPOND & SHARE OUR STORIES

Music for Meditation & Reflecting on the Journey – “Leaving Home”

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

+ greetings from AMBS – Randy Detwiler

Ministry Moment: Faithful Community Coordination Team

WE VENTURE FORTH

Announcements

HYMN *Move in Our Midst* VT 827

Benediction

Postlude

*This eight-week QUEST worship series (July 14-Sept 1) is adapted from a four-week series developed by Worship Design Studio (www.worshipdesignstudio.com).

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: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Jay Gehring
Ushers: Glenda & Rick Hooper
Nursery: Adam & Maggie Pounds
Pianist: Shelley Kauffman
Worship Leader & Scripture Reader: Sadie Nisly
Song Leader: Jon Miller
Children’s Time: Lona Willems
Sermon: Tonya Ramer Wenger

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.
- Sunday School @ 11:00am for children and youth (*next Sunday School August 4 & 18*)

LOOKING AHEAD:

- July 23-August 9 – Pastor Tonya sabbatical time away
- July 25 – 7:30 PM at FMC: "To Whom Would We Go?", a program of acapella sacred music from the local Sunflower Chorale, directed by Nelson Martin. Everyone welcome!
- July 27 – FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen – signup sheets are posted
- August 2-4 – WDC annual assembly, Beatrice NE
- August 11 – FMC leads worship service at Mennonite Friendship Communities, 10:00am
- August 18 – Sr. Youth Kick-off event beginning with lunch
- August 25 – assemble MCC School Kits following worship (in the fellowship hall)

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Journaling Questions: "Leaving Home"

Imagine yourself in the doorway of your home, about to take a step into a journey into the unknown. *What are you feeling? Anticipation? Anxiety? Excitement?*

Do you feel drawn to new things or dread facing the unknown?

What is your relationship with the rest of the world? *Curious? Familiar? Lost? Frightened?*

Do you have childhood memories of attitudes about 'local and global?' *Were they positive? Did you get the opportunity to know more through travel? Were you exposed to education about other places?*