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The Awakened Traveler *Travel as a Spiritual Act*

Week Six: The Reflection

August 18, 2024

WE GATHER

The chime is rung as an invitation to become aware of God's presence within and among us.

Prelude

Words for the Journey: *Micah 4:2*

Opening Prayer (in unison)

*Sojourning God, your Spirit exists everywhere, on every path,
inviting us to move with curiosity and compassion toward each other.*

Decenter us even if we become uncomfortable.

*Show us how to be humble and willing to accept
that all beings are sacred as created by you
so that we will grow in peace, expand in love,
and deepen in understanding.*

Nudge and guide us, we pray. Amen.

HYMN *Life-Giver, Maker, God of All* VT 38

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 create boundaries of
“us” and “them” and assume scarcity where you offer abundance.*

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 *Oh, Have You Not Heard* VT 668

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: *Isaiah 65:17-25; Revelation 21:22-26*

Sermon

WE RESPOND & SHARE OUR STORIES

Music for Meditation & Reflecting on the Journey – “*The Encounter*”

Storytelling (Heidi Unruh)

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

Ministry Moment – Faith Formation Coordination Team

WE VENTURE FORTH

Announcements

HYMN *Sing a New World Into Being* VT 809

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: Jonathan Wenger
Ushers: Cheryl Warkentin & Marlene Thode
Nursery: Diane Ziemer
Organist: Pauline Buller
Worship Leader: Delon Martens
Peace Lamp: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger
Scripture Readers: Hilda Iwashige & Lucia Iwashige
Song Leader: Calvin Buller
Children’s Time: Jennalee Boggs
Sermon: Pastor Jim Unruh
Storyteller: Heidi Unruh

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.

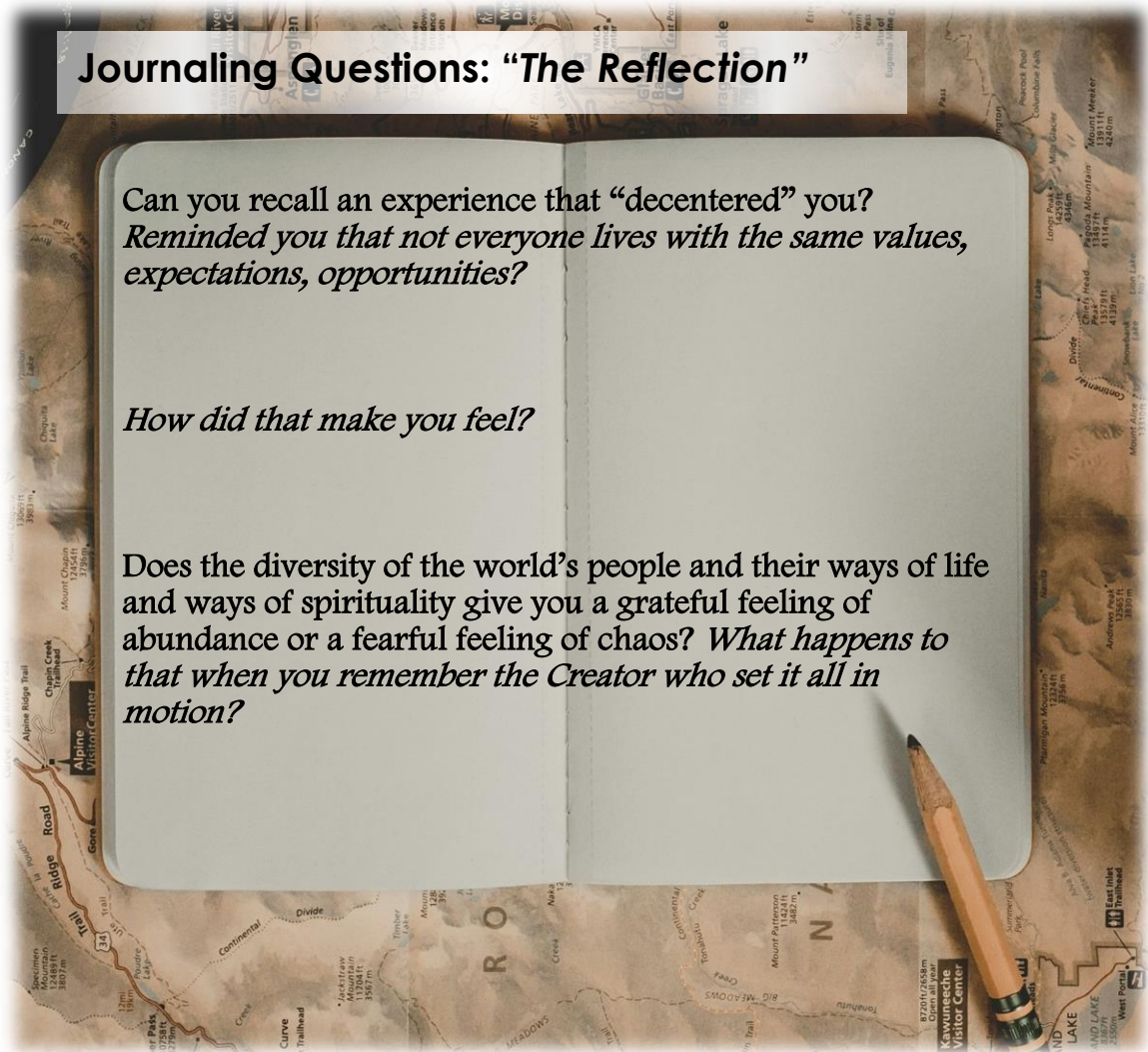
Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!

TODAY:

- **Fellowship** with drinks in the Common Grounds room after worship.
- **Sunday School** @ 11:00am for children and youth
- **Sr. Youth Kick-off** event beginning with lunch

LOOKING AHEAD:

- August 23 – Charlene McNeely memorial service, 10:30am, in our sanctuary
- August 25 – assemble MCC School Kits following worship (in the fellowship hall)
- September 1 – Sr. Youth Hamburger fundraiser (after worship)
- September 8 – Sunday school fall classes begin for all ages



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