

STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH

Growing - Together - In Spirit

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WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Music to Prepare for Worship:

Invitation to Worship:

One: The Hebrew people journeyed from slavery in Egypt
to freedom in the land of promise,

All: And God was with them.

One: People of faith through the ages have remained faithful to
God in spite of persecution and suffering,

All: And God was with them.

One: In our day and time we seek to serve God
where we are,

All: And God is with us.

Hymn: "Walk With Me" (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

#649

**Chorus: Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

1 When Moses heard the call of God

he said, 'Lord, don't send me.'

But God told Moses, 'You're the one to set my people free.'

3 Young Mary Magdalene was sure

her life could be much more,

and by her faith she dared to let God's love unlock the door.

4 And when you share your faith with me

and work for life made new,

the witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you.

A Prayer for the Journey: (#648)

God of the Way,

you are the road we travel, and the sign we follow;

you are bread for the journey, and the wine of arrival.

**Guide us as we follow in your way, holding on to each other,
reaching out to your beloved world.**

And when we stray, seek us out and find us,

set our feet on the path again, and lead us safely home.

In the name of Jesus, our Companion, we pray. Amen.

Welcome & the Life and Ministry of Our Church

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

Musical Offering:

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:1-3 & 6-10 & Acts 7:30-36

Sermon: "Longest Road Trip Ever!"

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Hymn: "From the Slave Pens of the Delta" (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

#690

1 'From the slave pens of the delta,

from the ghettos on the Nile,

let my people seek their freedom

in the wilderness awhile':

so God spoke from out of Sinai,

so God spoke and it was done,

and a people crossed the waters

toward the rising of the sun.

2 'From the aging shrines and structures,
 from the cloister and the aisle,
 let my people seek their freedom
 in the wilderness awhile':
 so the Son of God has spoken,
 and the stormclouds are unfurled,
 for his people must be scattered
 to be servants in the world.

4 In the maelstrom of the nations,
 in the journey into space,
 in the clash of generations,
 in the hungering for grace,
 in our agony and glory,
 we are called to newer ways
 by the God of our tomorrows
 who is God of earth's todays.

Call to Prayer: (Singing Bowl)

Prayers of Thanksgiving & for Healing and Transformation

The Lord's Prayer:

Invitation to Offer our Gifts:

Song of Dedication: "Spirit of the Living God" (vs. 2 #376)
 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
 make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
 humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
 Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love! Amen.

Prayer of Dedication:

WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE

Hymn: "Lead On, O Cloud of Presence" #421

1 Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come.
 In wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
 Our slavery left behind us,
 new hopes within us grow.
 We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.

2 Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,
 but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.
 We are not lost, though wandering,
 for by your light we come,
 and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.

3 Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,
 and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.
 We pray our sons and daughters
 may journey to that land
 where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.

Commissioning and Benediction:

Departing Song: "Walk With Me" (chorus 2x) #649
 Walk with me, I will walk with you
 and build the land that God has planned
 where love shines through.

Music To Inspire Us As We Go: