

# Sunday Service

January 21, 2024

9:30 am

*Journey  
to the  
Promised  
Land:*  
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Numbers 13:1-2, 17-33

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# Welcome



## **Call to Worship** – Hardy Hemphill

### **Psalm 125:1-5a**

**Leader:** Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

**People:** As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, both now and forevermore.

**Leader:** The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil.

**People:** Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart.

**Leader:** But those who turn to crooked ways, the Lord will banish with the evildoers.

**People:** Peace be upon us all!

God of Grace and God of Glory  
Rejoice The Lord is King  
You are My King

## **Greetings & Announcements** – Janet Russell

### **Prayers of the People** – Nancy Hobbs

*Our Father, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## **Numbers 13:1-2, 17-33** NIV

**13** The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> “Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders.”

<sup>17</sup> When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, “Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country. <sup>18</sup> See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many. <sup>19</sup> What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Are they unwalled or fortified? <sup>20</sup> How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees in it or not? Do your best to bring back some of the fruit of the land.” (It was the season for the first ripe grapes.) <sup>21</sup> So they went up and explored the land from the Desert of Zin as far as Rehob, toward Lebo Hamath. <sup>22</sup> They went up through the Negev and came to Hebron, where Ahiman, Sheshai and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, lived. (Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) <sup>23</sup> When they reached the Valley of Eshkol,<sup>[a]</sup> they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs. <sup>24</sup> That place was called the Valley of Eshkol because of the cluster of grapes the Israelites cut off there. <sup>25</sup> At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land. <sup>26</sup> They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. <sup>27</sup> They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. <sup>28</sup> But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. <sup>29</sup> The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.” <sup>30</sup> Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.” <sup>31</sup> But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” <sup>32</sup> And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. <sup>33</sup> We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”

## **Journey to the Promised Land: Trust**

Reverend Janet Russell

Trust and Obey

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Fellowship Calendar:

**January 21**, Sunday - After coffee hour, meet at **11 am in the McHattie Hall library**. Learn more about our **Refuge Food Preparation Team**. We need folks to help out on the last Saturday of every month. Three members of the team will be responsible for getting food (prepared by Janet & Greg Shaw) heated up and ready to transport to St. Mark Church in Sunnyvale. We'll let you know more about this outreach program, how you can be involved, and train you in how to work the ovens in our kitchen. If you've ever wondered about the Refuge Homeless Ministry, this is a great opportunity to learn more about it and to get involved. You can make a difference. Led by Janet Shaw.

**February 4**, Sunday - **Crafts Boutique Sale** in Room 15 from 10:30-12 pm.

**February 9**, Friday – **Potluck/Game Night** in Room 11/12. Bring your food to share at 5:30 pm and help assemble "care bags". Eat at 6:15 pm, with games to follow led by Paula Chan. Drinks will be provided.

**February 11**, Sunday – **Scout's Sunday**

**February 13**, Tuesday – **Women's Night Out** 'Galentine's Day' at Tomatina's on Prospect Road at 6 pm. Contact Cynthia Blank for more information.

**February 18**, Sunday – **Transition Team Update** after Service.

**February 25**, Sunday – **Annual Meeting** of the Congregation after Service.

### Community Calendar:

Would you be willing to **open/close for the Saratoga Symphony** rehearsals and performances on the following dates? Please **contact Nancy Hobbs** to sign-up.

1. 3/9/24 9:30-12:30 pm
2. 3/10/24 1-5 pm
3. 5/5/24 1-5 pm

### Coffee & Donuts:

January 21 – Anna & Kevin

January 28 –

February 4 – Rob Clark

February 11 – Sandy Todd