

# Communion Sunday Service

February 4, 2024

9:30 am



*Journey to the Promised Land:*  
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Numbers 14:1-23, 29-33

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# Welcome



**Call to Worship** – Hardy Hemphill

**Psalm 27: 1-5**

**Leader:** The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear?

**People:** The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?

**Leader:** When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

**People:** Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

**Leader:** One thing I ask of the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

**People:** For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

The Solid Rock

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

Reckless Love

**Greetings & Announcements** – Janet Russell

**Prayers of the People** – Carol Mladineo

*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.*

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Numbers 14:1-23, 29-33 NIV

*14 That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. <sup>2</sup> All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! <sup>3</sup> Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?” <sup>4</sup> And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.” <sup>5</sup> Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. <sup>6</sup> Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes <sup>7</sup> and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. <sup>8</sup> If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. <sup>9</sup> Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them.” <sup>10</sup> But the whole assembly talked about stoning them. Then the glory of the LORD appeared at the tent of meeting to all the Israelites. <sup>11</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the signs I have performed among them? <sup>12</sup> I will strike them down with a plague and destroy them, but I will make you into a nation greater and stronger than they.” <sup>13</sup> Moses said to the LORD, “Then the Egyptians will hear about it! By your power you brought these people up from among them. <sup>14</sup> And they will tell the inhabitants of this land about it. They have already heard that you, LORD, are with these people and that you, LORD, have been seen face to face, that your cloud stays over them, and that you go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. <sup>15</sup> If you put all these people to death, leaving none alive, the nations who have heard this report about you will say, <sup>16</sup> ‘The LORD was not able to bring these people into the land he promised them on oath, so he slaughtered them in the wilderness.’ <sup>17</sup> “Now may the Lord’s strength be displayed, just as you have declared: <sup>18</sup> ‘The LORD is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.’ <sup>19</sup> In accordance with your great love, forgive the sin of these people, just as you have pardoned them from the time they left Egypt until now.” <sup>20</sup> The LORD replied, “I have forgiven them, as you asked. <sup>21</sup> Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the LORD fills the whole earth, <sup>22</sup> not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times— <sup>23</sup> not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their ancestors. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it.*

*29 In this wilderness your bodies will fall—every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me. 30 Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun. 31 As for your children that you said would be taken as plunder, I will bring them in to enjoy the land you have rejected. 32 But as for you, your bodies will fall in this wilderness. 33 Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the wilderness.*

# Journey to the Promised Land: Fear

Reverend Janet Russell

Lord's Supper

I Surrender All

Be Still My Soul

Benediction

Cryin' Holy Unto The Lord



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### **Fellowship Calendar:**

**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 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 14, Ash Wednesday** - Join us in the sanctuary at 12 noon for a brief Service.

### **Coffee & Donuts:**

February 4 - Rob Clark

February 11 - Sandy Todd

February 18 - The Clarks

February 25 -