

## Announcements

### Session:

Wednesday, September 6, 7pm

**Isle-a-Chords Reunion:** The Isle - a - Chords are holding a 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Celebration Song Service on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St John's Presbyterian Church in New London. There will be a free will offering going to QEH and PCH. All are welcome to come out and hear former members, who began in 1973, once again singing hymns together!

WITH DEEPEST  
*Sympathy*

Sympathy is extended to Debbie, Neal, Bradley and Mark Ramsay on the death of their Father-in-law and Grandfather, Alton Ramsay.

Sympathy is extended to Scott, Angela, Rhiannon, Samson and Taralyn Carpenter as they grieve the loss of their aunt, Rev. Evelyn Carpenter.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Lois Campbell, who passed away this week.

Sympathy to Frank & Nancy Harvey and family on the death of Frank's brother Robert.

### **Mission Moment**

Parbati Damai lives in Nepal with a spinal cord injury she endured after falling down a hill three years ago. During that time, her family took her to the local hospital for emergency treatment, where she underwent multiple surgeries and started using a wheelchair. However, with her husband and sons working during the day, she was often left at home in her wheelchair for 10 to 14 hours daily, causing pressure sores to develop on her body. Parbati's local health facility couldn't provide her with the help she needed, so they referred her to the Green Pastures Hospital for further treatment. There, with the support of PWS&D's partner, she received treatment and counselling free of charge. Parbati hopes to complete her treatment and return home soon.

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*“to know, love and serve God wherever we are and  
to inspire others to do the same  
by our thoughts, words and deeds”*

*SPC Mission Statement*

## Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

Give thanks to God and tell of God's gifts.  
**We will sing praises for all that God has done.**

Let your hearts be joyful!  
**We will seek God's presence continually.**

Call to mind God's wonderful works.  
**We will always remember the blessings of God and glorify God forever!**

**Hymn: #330 O God, our help our in ages past**

Opening Prayers

***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, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.***

Assurance of God's Love

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**Hymn: #510 Deep in the shadows of the past**

## Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 45b (responsive)  
Romans 12:9-21

Ministry of Music

Message: "Moses Moments"

**Hymn: #592 I, the Lord of sea and sky**

## Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & The Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures high & low  
Praise God in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit one.***

Pastoral Prayer

♪ ***Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.  
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*** ♪

**Hymn: #761 Who's goin' to tell the story**

Benediction & Dismissal: **Walk With Me**

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As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following...



As we head back to fall routines, we reflect on the experiences we've had over the summer. What are the things that make you take off your shoes and feel you are on holy ground? What is holy ground? Where is holy ground? Perhaps it is the cool waters into which you dipped your toes in this summer. Or maybe it is time spent with family and friends? Or it might be just sitting quietly in a kayak on a lake.

*Where are your own examples of holy ground?*

## **Things to pray for this week...**

This Friday (September 8<sup>th</sup>) is **International Literacy Day**. We pray for the millions of children who, due to poverty, conflict and other challenges, lack the opportunity to learn. We give thanks for PWS&D-supported programs that work to provide many of them with educational opportunities.

We pray for Julie Walker-MacDonald who is recovering from surgery.

We pray for all those in our church family who have recently lost a loved one. May the God of comfort and healing be near to each of them.



**Scripture Reading:** Exodus 3:1-15 (NRSVUE)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup>When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey... <sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 105:1-6, 45b (NIV)

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done.

**Sing to him, sing praise to him;  
tell of all his wonderful acts.**

Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Look to the Lord and his strength;  
seek his face always.**

Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,  
you his servants, the descendants of Abraham,  
his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

**Praise the Lord.**

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 12:9-21 (NRSVUE)

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this

you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.