



Faith - Family - Fellowship

Order of Worship
Agape Worship Service
Sanctuary
June 22, 2025

Video

Words of Welcome & Prayer of Consecration PR

Call to Worship It's Me, It's Me, O Lord (Standing in the Need of Prayer) Chancel Choir

Hymn of Faith ** Wonderful Words of Life Congregation & Chancel Choir
(Hymnal #600, Vs 1 Chancel Choir, Vs 2 & 3 Congregation)

Psalter for Today ** Psalm 104:1-13 Robert Baxter

Gloria Patri ** Glory Be to the Father Hymnal #71

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Words of Wisdom Exodus 13:17-22 Robert Baxter

Anthem of Hope Wade in the Water Chancel Choir

Doxology / Blessing of the Offering ** Doxology Hymnal #95 Jim Vaughn

Word of God James 1:2-8 Sarah Wimpee

Spiritual Vitamin Is God Moving Your Cloud?

Mission Moment Summerville Homeless Shelter Michelle Hammond

Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer Jim Vaughn

Hymn of Love ** How Firm a Foundation Congregation & Chancel Choir
(Hymnal #529, Vs 1 Chancel Choir, Vs 3 & 5 Congregation)

Postlude Layne Thompson

** Congregation remains standing

Prayer of Consecration

Pastor: Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

People: Jesus, I belong to you.
I lift my heart to you.
I set my mind on you.
I fix my eyes on you.
I offer my body to you, as a living sacrifice.
Jesus, we belong to you.
Praying in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Psalter for Today - Psalm 104:1-13

Leader: Praise the Lord, my soul.

People: Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty
The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment;

Leader: He stretches out the heavens like a tent and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.

People: He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind. He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.

Leader: He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.

People: You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

Leader: But at your rebuke the waters fled at the sound of your thunder they took to flight; they flowed over the mountains, they went down into the valleys, to the place you assigned for them.

People: You set a boundary they cannot cross; never again will they cover the earth.

Leader: He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains.

People: They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

Leader: The birds of the sky nest by the waters; they sing among the branches.

People: He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work.

Words of Wisdom - Exodus 13:17-22

Exodus 13:17-22 highlights God's guidance and protection as He leads the Israelites out of Egypt.

Here are the key themes:

- Divine Direction - Instead of taking the shorter route through Philistine territory, God leads His people on a longer path to avoid potential conflict.
- Pillar of Cloud and Fire - God visibly guides them with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, ensuring they never lose their way.
- God's Wisdom - The passage shows that God understands human fears and weaknesses, choosing a path that strengthens His people rather than discouraging them.

This section of Exodus reminds us that sometimes, the longer journey is the one that prepares us best for what lies ahead.

Allow these words to assist you as you maneuver life's trials and tribulations.

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt." So, God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt ready for battle. Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the Israelites swear an oath. He had said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place." After leaving Sukkoth they camped at Et ham on the edge of the desert. By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

O Lord, you have given us the gift of your Word.

People: May we ever protect and keep it pure. Amen.

Word of God - James 1:2-8

James 1:2-8 encourages believers to trust God through difficulties, knowing that trials refine faith and deepen wisdom.

Hear now the Word of the Lord.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.