



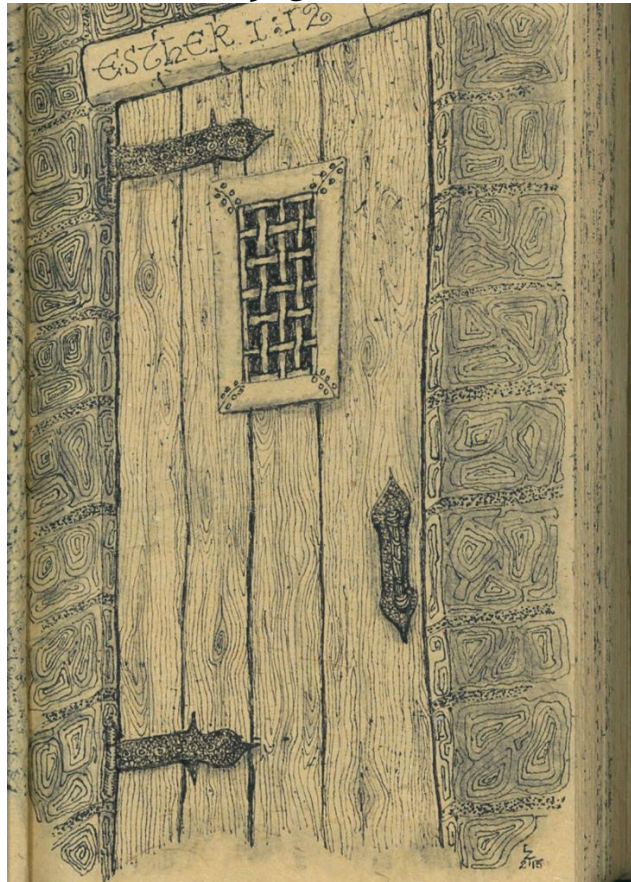
"A Community Of Many Faithing Communities Where All Belong!"

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Welcome To Worship

July 16, 2023

9:30am



Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

"Who's Behind the Door?" Rev. Zo Trembley

Candle Lighting and Chimes

Prelude

Welcome and Community News

Readying Ourselves for Worship

Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!

A Responsive Reading -- *from* Psalm 119:105-112 (TEV)

One: Happy are those whose lives are faultless;

All: Who live according to the law of God.

One: Happy are those who follow God's commands,

All: Who obey God with all their heart.

One: They never do wrong;

All: They walk in God's ways.

One: Sovereign God, you have given us your laws

All: And told us to obey them faithfully.

One: How I hope that I shall be faithful in keeping
your instructions!

**All: If I pay attention to all your commands,
then I will not be put to shame.**

One: As I learn your righteous judgments,

All: I will praise you with a pure heart.

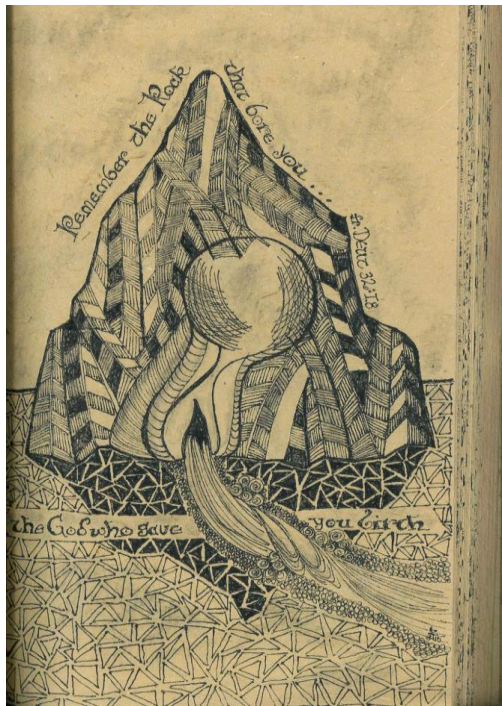
One: I will obey your laws;

All: Never abandon me!

Checking-in with Ourselves and Each Other—

What's behind the door?

The Joy of Passing the Peace



Time for Young Hearts

Gathering Hymn No. 7, *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* (GTG)

Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

One: Open our hearts to your rule of love,

All: We would follow without fear.

One: Open us to new images of you.

All: We would see with the new eyes of our hearts.

One: Open our ears to hear your Word.

All: We listen for Christ's wisdom and truth.

One: Open our lives to newness of being.

All: Let us worship God!

Sharing our Inmost Lives with God

Here we are, God, right here in this moment, right now. Help us look into our past to see what is worth keeping and what to let go; help us to look inward to see what is holding us back, so that we can move forward in the direction you want us to go. Right now, help us enter the mystery and silence where you dwell. *(Some silence for reflection.)* Amen.

Special Music

Reflection Questions . . .

What images for God are most meaningful to you . . . and why?
How is God like/unlike any human images we create for God?
When/how do our images become idols?

Prayer of Intention

Bible Wisdom Teaching: Matthew 13:18-23; Esther 1:1-21

One: May we hear anew the origin stories of our faith,
and draw from the roots of our tradition.

All: Thanks be to our God.

Message “Who’s Behind the Door?” -- The Rev. Zo Trembley

May the words of my mouth;
**And the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O God,
our rock and our redeemer.**
(from Psalm 19:14)

Time of Silent Reflection

Sharing Our Wisdom

Community Prayers, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord’s Prayer

**O God, you love us better than any human parent;
you are present in every dimension of our lives.
May awareness of your nature fill the Universe.
May your love, truth and justice become a living reality.
Nurture and sustain us with what we need for today.
Forgive us for missing the mark of your intention for us;
let your forgiveness teach us how we can forgive others.
Lead us into the promised realm of your joy, peace, truth, love,
and wholeness;
Keep us from seeking anything less.
For in you we are in the Eternal Now at the intersection
of time and eternity. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: “A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar,” No. 201(GTG)

Benediction

One: Whether the door is open or shut . . .

All: God knows me.

One: Amidst all the noise and distraction and busyness of life . . .

All: God knows us.

One: Whether I obey or rebel . . .

All: God loves me.

One: Christ embodies the Word:

All: God loves us.

Now that the worship has ended, may the service truly begin.

Our Response: *Holy One, now we your servants go in peace.
Your word lives on in us.*

Postlude

