

I've been meaning to ask...

where do we
go from here?

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Call to Worship

If you come into this place
with the hope of growing deeper,
with the hope of connecting,
with the hope of glimpsing God,
and if all of those things take place,
and your spirit is moved,
and you swear God is near,
and you feel more than lucky for the gift of faith,
and then the service comes to an end,
and it's time for you to leave,
and you ask yourself,
"Where do we go from here?"
Then I would say to you,
"Go out into the world
to love and to share and to learn,
but come back soon,
because this is the beginning.
This is only the beginning.
So come on in.
Fill your cup here.
Be present here.
God is here."
Let us worship Holy God.

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Call to Confession

Unison Confession

**Holy God, we are naturals when it comes to stalling out.
We reach a certain point in the relationship, in the conversation,
in our faith, and then we stall.
We buy property on the top of the plateau and build a house there,
destined to never dig deeper or climb higher.**

Forgive us for giving up on the things that matter.
Forgive us for confusing the plateau with the mountain top.
Forgive us for taking the easy way out instead of doing the hard work of curiosity, relationship-
building, vulnerability, and connection.
Inspire us to see new paths for where we can go from here.
With hope and honesty we pray, Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

God is with me on the mountain top, and God is with me on the plateau.
I am loved, claimed, and forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn

Draw the Circle Wide

Passing of the Peace and Connection Time

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you!

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God is a conversationalist,
drawing close to us and asking,
“What do you need? Where does it hurt? Who do you long to be?”
We see this conversational God in Jesus Christ, God’s own flesh,
who walked the earth speaking with the poor,
the hungry, the lonely, and the outcast.
Therefore, we believe that our call as people of faith
is to continue this holy conversation
with those who look and think like us,
as well as with those who share little in common with us.
We believe that through these conversations,
we are able to catch a glimpse of the Kin-dom of God,
so we continue the conversation in hope.
Amen.

Scripture

Ruth 1:1-22

Sermon

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Pastor Erin

Hymn

Amazing Grace

Blessing