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Community Prayer

God of Aaron, Miriam, and Moses, you stayed the hand of your wrath when we fell into idolatry and discord; and when we forgot our deliverance, your love for us remained unchanging. Transform us and our world into a place of justice, love, and peace. Welcome us to your wedding feast where all are invited to be gathered in. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord,

Many: for God is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?

Many: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

One: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. And let all the people say,

Many: Amen. Praise the Lord!

Sermon

From Pastor Rachel Johnson

Exodus 32:1-14

The Idols of Panic

We Welcome Pastor Rachel Johnson to the Pulpit

This week our guest preacher is Pastor Rachel Johnson: Rachel Johnson is a commissioned minister of the Christian Church in Nebraska. Rachel's journey as a Disciple began at youth group at Edmond Trinity Christian Church in Oklahoma. She attended Phillips University, then graduated with a psychology degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. While serving as a worship leader at Southview Christian she completed the ELM program. She is currently in her 19th year of service as the Religious Coordinator at the Lincoln Regional Center, a state psychiatric hospital. In addition to providing weekly worship services she organizes events on mental health awareness and hospital history. When not on the front row of a rock concert you'll find Rachel cruising the aisles of local thrift stores or showing off photos of her kids.

Exodus 32:1-14

“When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, ‘Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ Aaron said to them, ‘Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.’ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, ‘Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.’ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and

sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” ’ The Lord said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.’ But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, ‘O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, “I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.” ’ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.”

Scripture Reading

Psalm 106: 1-6,19-23

“Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise? Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times. Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them; that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage. Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly. They made a calf at Horeb and worshiped a cast image. They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass. They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea. Therefore he said he would destroy them— had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.”



*Praise the Lord!
Oh give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good,
for his steadfast love
endures forever!*

Psalm 106:1

Prayers & Praises

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Song of the Week

Jesus Calls Us

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.



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In Our Church

Family:

- Donna Baker
- Cec Burkhart
- John Burkhart
- Joan Dietrich
- Polly Putney
- Bob Throop
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek
- Roger Vocasek

Prayers and sympathy for Elaine Parman, in the death of her brother Ed Gilmore.

Prayers for Rev. Bruce Frogge, Stephanie Frogge's brother, who has been diagnosed with a serious bone marrow disease. Further genetics testing is in progress to determine type and treatment plan.

Prayers for Jim Christ's nephew, Dennis Christ, who has been moved to a hospital in San Francisco, CA, for further testing on the infectious disease he is battling.

Prayers for healing for Vince Ortega's sister, Linda De Los Santos, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

Prayers for Marvin and Phyllis Thurber, who have moved to Salt Creek Senior Living.

Prayers for Diane Zabokrtsky's mom, Elaine Clayton, who was in the hospital and has returned home.

Prayers for John Burkhart, who is recovering from heart rhythm issues.

Prayers for Cec Burkhart for continued healing.

Prayers for Bob Throop for the sale of his former home before the end of the year.

Prayers for Roger Vocasek as he looks for a job.

Prayers for Jessica Steblik-Vocasek for her health issues.

Prayers for Katelyn Long for continued healing and strength.

Friends:

- Ron Collamore, *prayers for his health.*

Our Timothy

- Rev. Bruce Frogge, *Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX*

In the Nebraska Region: Methodist Hospital Chaplain - Melissa Strong

Our Global Ministries in: Mexico

"Heart of Heaven, Heart of Earth, send winds of renewal to our churches and communities, that there may be life marked by justice and dignity. May the power of the wind, of your Spirit, propel our very being. May we discover ways to carry forth your word and message. Amen."

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Call to Confession

One:

All too often, we tell God we will do better, and be better, and then just go on living the same way we always have. Let this be the moment when we tell God of our faithlessness and failures, so we can start again and be renewed. Join me as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession

Many:

As you know, Healing God, we stand on the edge of your promises, yet cannot seem to let ourselves cross over into the life you intend for us. Despite the misguided ways of the world, we cling to it and resist your call to follow a different path. Forgive us, Lord, and have mercy upon us. When we continue to do what is wrong, because what is right is unknown and scary, give us courage. Guide us on the paths of righteousness, so that we might delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

Good News of God's Grace

One:

Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness, forgiving our sins.

Many:

Loved, we are sent to love; forgiven, we are told to forgive; freed, we are called to set free. Thanks be to God. Amen.



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