

16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021

9:30 AM music in the sanctuary begins
9:45 AM livestream begins

We Gather as the Church

Music as We Gather

Welcome (& “The Quest” song)

Opening Prayer

Praiseworthy

Pastor Sue

Janet Warfield

Sojourning God, your Spirit exists everywhere, on every path, inviting us to move with curiosity and compassion toward each other. Give us courage to leave the familiar, to venture out beyond our walls, taking leave so that we will see with wider vision, know with deeper appreciation, exist with expanded perception. Nudge and guide us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn “Stepping In” (Praiseworthy & Choir)

We Hear the Word of God

Scripture Reading Exodus 13:17-21

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Message “Leaving Home”

Anthem “Pillar of Fire”

We Respond to God’s Word

Reflecting on the Journey

“Stepping In”

There is a prayer like a wide river.

It never ends, does not begin.

Around the world, it’s always flowing,

And I am stepping in. We are stepping in.

Reflection Questions on Slides

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (*in unison*)

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response: “Stepping In”

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Invitation to Give and to Serve God

We Scatter to Serve

Closing Hymn

Black Hymnal #2281

“May You Run and Not Be Weary”

Blessing

Music as We Leave “The Quest”

Leaving home, we set our seeing,

on a quest for deeper meaning.

*What we find can change us for the love of all
the creation and its beings.*

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Stepping In

There is a prayer like a wide river.
It never ends, does not begin.
Around the world, it's always flowing,
and I am stepping in.
We are stepping in.

We are praying
for those in distant places
different languages and faces
every hour of the day,
and we are praying
with enemies and strangers
in gratitude, in danger
calling God's ten thousand names

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and I am stepping in.
We are stepping in.

We are praying with those who've gone before us,
That great ancestral chorus we are joining as we sing.
And we are praying with heroines and heroes,
Moses, Mary and Romero, yes, and Martin Luther King!

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and I am stepping in.
We are stepping in.
We are stepping in...

May You Run and Not Be Weary

May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

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