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GUIDE FOR WORSHIP

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prelude

The Call

"Faith isn’t about having everything figured out ahead of time; faith is about following the quiet voice of God without having everything figured out ahead of time.”

- Rachel Held Evans

Gathering Song

"Learning to Sit Without Knowing"

Amelia Lloyd, vocalist

Gathering Prayer

My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.

Children’s Time with Ms. Linda

Scripture Reading  Exodus 33:12-23 (The Message)

_Moses to God:_ “Look, you tell me, ‘Lead this people,’ but you don’t let me know whom you’re going to send with me. You tell me, ‘I know you well and you are special to me.’ If I am so special to you, let me in on your plans. That way, I will continue being special to you. Don’t forget, this is your people, your responsibility.”

_God:_ “My presence will go with you. I’ll see the journey to the end.”

_Moses:_ “If your presence doesn’t take the lead here, call this trip off right now. How else will it be known that you’re with me in this, with me and your people? Are you traveling with us or not? How else will we know that we’re special, I and your people, among all other people on this planet Earth?”

_God:_ “All right. Just as you say; this also I will do, for I know you well and you are special to me. I know you by name.”

_Moses:_ “Please. Let me see your Glory.”

_God:_ “I will make my Goodness pass right in front of you; I’ll call out the name, God, right before you. I’ll treat well whomever I want to treat well and I’ll be kind to whomever I want to be kind.”

But you may not see my face. No one can see me and live. Look, here is a place right beside me. Put yourself on this rock. When my Glory passes by, I’ll put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with my hand until I’ve passed by. Then I’ll take my hand away and you’ll see my back. But you won’t see my face.”

Music for Reflection

Message  “Not Knowing”
Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer
Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kindom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kindom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Song of Response
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” vv. 1 & 3

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Moment for Mission
Christmas Gift Ministry
Jill Stoll

Thanksgiving to God

Breaths of God

Blessing and Commissioning

Sending Forth Song
“Woyaya”

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Postlude

Sources:
The Call is from Rachel Held Evans, who was an American Christian columnist, blogger and author until her death at age 37 in 2019.

Gathering Prayer is by Thomas Merton, an American Trappist monk, who was a writer, theologian, poet, social activist and scholar.
Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932; alt.

1 Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
3 When the shadows appear and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
when my life is almost gone,
and the day is past and gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
“Woyaya”

music: Osabisa

We are going, heaven knows
We will get there, heaven knows

where we are going, We'll know we're there.
how we will get there, We know we will.

It will be hard we know, and the
road will be muddy and rough, but we'll get there

heaven knows how we will get there, We know we will.

D.C.

Wo ya - yal

Wo - ya - yal [repeat ad lib]

Wo - ya - yal

F last time slower