

**GATHERING**

Prelude to Worship  
 Welcome and Announcements  
 Interlude  
 Candle Lighting

## \* Call to Worship\*\*

Can God spread a table in the wilderness?

**In the sight of our ancestors, God worked marvels.**

Can God spread a table in the wilderness?

**In the land of Egypt God divided the sea and let them pass through it.**

Can God spread a table in the wilderness?

**God led them with a cloud by day and a fiery light by night.**

Can God spread a table in the wilderness?

**God split rocks open and made waters flow down like rivers.**

God can spread a table in the wilderness?

**God has spread a table in the wilderness.**

**Let us now receive the nourishment God offers.**

## \* Opening Prayer

\* Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* HWB 37

## Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God,  
 we confess that we have sinned against you  
 in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;  
 that we may delight in your will,  
 and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## Words of Assurance

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey.  
 Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**PROCLAIMING**

|                   |                            |                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Scripture Reading |                            | Exodus 17:1-7    |
| Hymn              | <i>To God be the glory</i> | HWB 102          |
| Scripture Reading |                            | Matthew 21:23-32 |
| Sermon            |                            |                  |
| Reflection        |                            |                  |

**RESPONDING**

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| * Hymn                    | <i>Lord I am fondly, earnestly longing</i> | HWB 514 |
| Offering and Offertory    |  |         |
| Sharing Joys and Concerns |  |         |
| Pastoral Prayer           |  |         |

**SENDING**

|               |                        |         |
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| * Hymn        | <i>God be with you</i> | HWB 430 |
| * Benediction |                        |         |
| Postlude      |                        |         |

\* All who are able are invited to stand where indicated.  
 Our worship ends after the postlude; please remain seated.

HWB – blue hymnal    STS – purple hymnal    STJ – green hymnal

\*\*Written by Joanna Harader based on the week's lectionary  
 reading Psalm 78. <https://spaciousfaith.com/>

Preacher: Charles Bontrager    Worship Leader: Megan Croyle  
 Accompanist: John Gamin

**Evensong! – Next Sunday**, Oct. 8, 6-8pm, an evening of singing and fellowship at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Evensong. We'll be meeting at the Newcomer Farm, 8160 Tower Road, Seville. Guest are welcome. Bring a non-perishable food item(s) for Old Mother Hubbard's Cupboard (\$ donations also accepted). Bring a chair and come prepared to raise our voices in song! Contact Jenny Newcomer Haas w/any questions (330) 573-4241.

**Wednesday 6:00pm** you are invited to a **Fellowship Meal** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a potluck dish to share as we become better acquainted in a casual setting. All are welcome!

**Women's Bible Study** will follow the potluck meal on Wednesday at 7pm.

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*Our **MISSION** is to welcome all to know Christ's salvation through worship and works of love, peace and justice in service for God.*

### **THIS WEEK    October 1 – October 8**

**TODAY**    9:30am Sunday School hour (book discussion)  
              10:45am Worship Service  
              🕯 *Janine Rohrer*

**Tuesday**    Deacons Mtg (TTBA)

**Wednesday** 6:00pm Potluck Fellowship Meal – all are welcome!  
              7:00pm Women's Bible Study

**Thursday**    *Announcements & calendar items for Sunday due by NOON to: [chrischamberlin99@yahoo.com](mailto:chrischamberlin99@yahoo.com)*

**Saturday**    🕯 *Jesse Rohrer*    🕯 *Mary Beery*

**Sunday**    9:30am Sunday School hour (book discussion)  
              10:45am Worship Service  
              2pm-4pm Trease Road Childcare Family Funfest!  
              8:00pm Evensong (Newcomer farm)  
              🕯 *Eileen Lind*

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