

Sunday October 22, 2023

Exodus: Living the Story of God's Rescue & Re-Creation "PROVISION IN THE WILDERNESS"

Welcome.

Thanks for joining us today for worship! We hope you find Resurrection Philadelphia to be a warm, welcoming community--regardless of your background, beliefs, or life situation.

Our worship is "liturgical." The Greek word "leitourgia" means a public work, the work of the people. Liturgical worship begins with God's call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity and then moving us outward into our world.

Please visit our website <u>resurrectionphl.org</u> for more information about worship and ways to connect further to this church community. We are glad you are joining us and look forward to meeting you.

The Pastoral Staff
 Chris Currie, Scott Jennings

Sunday Information

- Nursery + Children's Ministry: Check-in available at both 17th and Sansom Street entrances.
 - Nursery for children 6-30 months: Available for the duration of the service.
 - Sunday School for ages 30 months through 5th grade: Children are dismissed to class just before the sermon; K-5th graders return in time for communion.
 - For nursing mothers seeking privacy, there's a room behind the SE exit from the Sanctuary where the service can be watched.
- Accessibility: A street level entrance is available on Sansom Street, and an elevator providing
 access to all other levels can be accessed there. Assistive listening devices are available; to
 request one, please see one of the greeters.
- **Restrooms**: Men's and Women's restrooms are on the lower level; two single-user restrooms open to anyone are available on the 2nd floor.
- Coffee Hour: After the service, located in the Community room, behind the front of the Sanctuary. All are welcome!
- Parking/Transportation: Free parking for worship is available at the Liberty Place Garage. Get a timed ticket when you enter the garage, and a chaser ticket (validation ticket) at church. Limited bike and stroller parking at the Sansom lobby, as well as single journey SEPTA passes.

Reflection

Our spiritual journey must lead through the desert or else our healing will be the product of our own will and wisdom. It is in the silence of the desert that we hear our dependence on noise. It is in the poverty of the desert that we see clearly our attachments to the trinkets and baubles we cling to for security and pleasure. The desert shatters the soul's arrogance and leaves body and soul crying out in thirst and hunger. In the desert, we trust God or die.

-Dan Allender, The Healing Path

Church Calendar

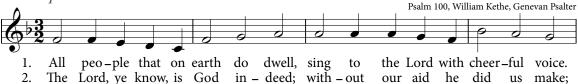
ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

We observe a season of Ordinary Time from Pentecost until Advent, which we count as weeks following Pentecost. During this time we especially remember the lives and actions of Jesus' followers. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives, and how we should live ours today. This season of Ordinary Time takes up half the year and it doesn't offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas or Easter. As a result, as one Sunday follows another, this season can begin to feel, well, ordinary.

Welcome

Opening Song

All People That on Earth Do Dwell



- 2. The Lord, ye know, is God in deed; with out our aid lie did us make 3. O en ter then his gates with praise; ap–proach with joy his courts un to;
- 4. For why? the Lord our God is good; his mer cy is for e ver sure;



be-fore him and Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell; come ye re – joice. his flock, he doth his sheep he doth feed. and are us for take. us praise, laud, and bless his name al - ways, is seem_ly for do. it to all times firm - ly stood, and shall from age to his truth at en - dure. age

Opening of Worship

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

Responsive Reading

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;

All incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

We will tell the glorious deeds of the Lord,

his might and the wonders that he has done.

He divided the sea and let our ancestors pass through it,

and made the waters stand like a heap.

He commanded the skies above,

and opened the doors of heaven;

he rained down on them manna to eat,

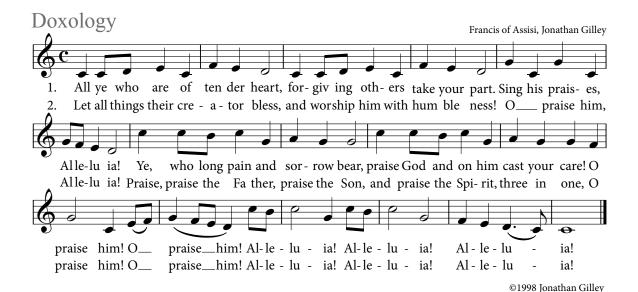
and gave them the grain of heaven.

With upright heart he tended them,

and guided them with skillful hand.

from Psalm 78

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving



GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Throughout Scripture, when people find themselves in God's presence, they sense how far short they fall and become aware of their own shame and brokenness. In the same way, we make a confession of sin, both as a community and also silently as individuals. In this, we remember that *God is always ready,* by his mercy and grace, to forgive us.

Confession of Sin

All Maker of the world, King eternal, have mercy on us.

Fount of boundless pity, have mercy on us.

Drive away from us all that is harmful; have mercy on us. Christ, the Light of the world,

giver of life, have mercy on us.

Look on those wounded by the craft of the devil; have mercy on us.

You preserve those who believe in you and you strengthen them; have mercy on us.

Be present with us, O Counselor, that we may live in you; have mercy on us.

Silence is kept.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May God our Father forgive you your sins and bring you to the fellowship of his table with his saints forever.

All Amen.

Song of Praise and Adoration





- 1. Guide me, O thou great Je ho –vah, pil –grim through this bar ren land;
- 2. O pen now the cry stal_foun-tain, whence the heal ing stream doth flow.
- 3. When I tread the verge of __ Jor dan, bid my anx ious fears sub side.



I am weak, but thou art_migh-ty; hold me with thy_ power-ful hand. Let the fire and clou - dy_ pil - lar lead me all my_ jour-ney through. Death of death, and hell's Des-truc-tion, land me safe on_ Ca-naan's side.





Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Pre-school children are invited to go to their classes at this time. Elementary children through grade 5 are invited to Children's Church and will return during the Song of Response, following the Reflection.

GOD SPEAKS TO US
IN HIS WORD

In the public reading of the word of God and its exposition in the sermon, God shares the story of his saving mission in Jesus, encouraging us to join in that mission and orienting us again to his priorities.

The Word of God

Old Testament reading: Exodus 16:1-26

¹The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. 5On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." 6So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" 8And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him-what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." 9Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." 10 And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. 11The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 12"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God."

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an

omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents." ¹⁷The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed. ¹⁹And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over until morning." ²⁰But they did not listen to Moses; some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹Morning by morning they gathered it, as much as each needed; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

²²On the sixth day they gathered twice as much food, two omers apiece. When all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses, ²³he said to them, "This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Tomorrow is a day of solemn rest, a holy sabbath to the Lord; bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil, and all that is left over put aside to be kept until morning.'" ²⁴So they put it aside until morning, as Moses commanded them; and it did not become foul, and there were no worms in it. ²⁵Moses said, "Eat it today, for today is a sabbath to the Lord; today you will not find it in the field. ²⁶Six days you shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is a sabbath, there will be none."

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 6:1-15

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." 13So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

"Provision in the Wilderness" - Dr. Cyndi Parker

Offertory

Abide With Me - W.H. Monk

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

When encouraging the early church toward generosity, the Apostle Paul pointed to Jesus' giving of himself:

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich" - 2 Corinthians 8:8-9

If you'd like to contribute to the work of our church, you can do so by scanning the QR code at the left or text any amount to the number 84321.

The offering is part of our worship together, an opportunity to participate in the ministry of Resurrection. If you are visiting, please don't feel obligated to give—we're grateful simply for your presence here today.



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Having offered ourselves up in faith through the creed, affirming the power of God's redemption, we lift up the church, our world, and other needs to God in prayer for his provision and healing.

Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

Heavenly Father, help us to trust you with our lives; provide for our every need; feed us with the bread of life. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Son of God, extend the justice of your kingdom to all peoples; may the abundance of your blessing flow to the ends of the earth.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of life, grant us strength in our weakness, comfort in our afflictions, and endurance for the road ahead. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?

Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions at this time, ending with,

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us:

All 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Communion

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

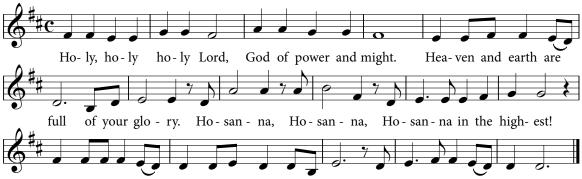
GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

Communion, also called the Lord's *Supper, is the family* meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus *Christ to participate.* If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with *Iesus Christ and with* his people, the church.

The Eucharistic Prayer

And now we give you thanks, generous God, for you have poured out upon us blessing upon blessing through your Son Jesus Christ, whose flesh and blood are for us the very food and drink of life: manna from heaven for our journey of faith through the wilderness of this fallen world. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

Sanctus



Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the_high-est.

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The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father, forever and ever.

All Amen.

The minister speaks the Words of Institution.

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All Therefore, let us keep the feast.

We use wine in Communion. Non-alcoholic white grape juice and a gluten-free option are also available if preferred. Please discard your Communion cup as you leave worship.

Prayers for Reflection

Prayer for those searching | Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and lead me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

Prayer of belief | Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you, I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

Prayer for those struggling | Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

Communion Song

Song of Moses Graham Kendrick, Aaron Keyes, Ben Smith, Chris Moerman, Pat Barrett our strength and song, the Lord, high-est praise to him be-longs. 2. Though the storms in dark-est night of hell pur-sue, we wor-ship you. your tri-umphs sing. Christ the Lord, the con-quering King, your name we raise, the rag - ing from death to life You div - ide sea, you safe - ly lead. Praise the Lord, our migh-ty the Glo-rious one. war - rior, praise the Lord, By his hand we stand in vic-tor-y, and by his name we О ver-come.

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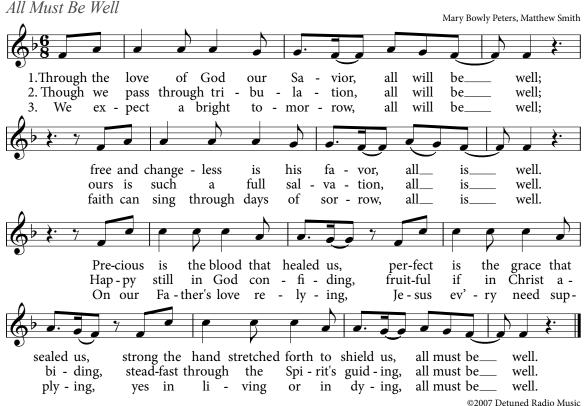
Prayer after Communion

All God our creator,

you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing and Sending



GOD SENDS US
INTO THE WORLD

We have responded to God's call, heard his word, offered ourselves to his service, and received strength at his table. Now, at the close of worship, God sends us out to carry forward the gospel story.

Benediction

May Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread.

make you one in praise and love and raise you up at the last day; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

"Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord." (James 5:14)

After the service, ministers and elders of the church will be stationed at the front of the sanctuary to offer healing prayer and anointing with oil for those seeking God's healing in any aspect of life: physical, relational, emotional, psychological, or spiritual. If you come for healing prayer, you will not be asked any personal questions about your situation, only for your consent to be anointed with oil on your forehead. Receiving healing prayer and anointing with oil only takes a few seconds, but the practice can be a powerful way to experience God's help in our weakness.

Musicians

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice

Keisha Hirlinger: voice

Koof Ibi: trumpet Matt Engle: bass

Dave Flaherty: drums

Liturgist

Mae Trieu

Scripture Reading

Abigail Sparrow

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Prayer of Confession adapted from the Sarum Missal in English (Middle Ages).

CONNECT

COMMUNITY GROUPS gather across the city and region on varying frequencies (weekly/bi-weekly), with the intent of taking up basic practices of fellowship, prayer, and study of the Scriptures. Groups range in size from 10-15 people.



CONNECTION GROUPS provide connection to the life of the church and to one another via shared interests or other affinity (such as mens or womens groups, study groups, prayer groups, service groups, etc.).

To see current groups, visit **resurrectionphl.org/groups** or scan the QR code at right.

FAMILY MINISTRIES come alongside families as they disciple their children, seeking to help them cultivate friendships, connect with the wider church community, and grow into maturity as people of faith.

- Children's Ministry. Our Sunday morning children's classes use a gospel-centered curriculum with scripture, stories, and activities to help children find their place in God's big story. Children leave the service at the Passing of the Peace. Elementary age children return during the hymn of response. Contact Terri Taylor, terri@resurrectionphl.org
- Resurrection Youth. Students Grades 6-12 and Volunteer Leaders gather regularly to hang out, play games, and explore questions of faith and belonging to Christ. Youth Group meets most Sundays from 4-6 pm at the Center City building. For more info, contact Paul Burkhart at paul@ resurrectionphl.org.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS During the academic year, our university ministry hosts speaker series and dinner discussion groups on campus. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to participate. We also host regular Sunday brunches for graduate students. Reach out to Ryan McCormick (ryan@resurrectionphl. org) for more information about these events.

GROW

Resurrection is a community committed to growing in our life of joy and peace through communion with God in Christ. God uses many means to form his children into his likeness. As a church family, Resurrection seeks to become more like Jesus by engaging spiritual practices that Christians historically have embraced for their growth. At right are a few links to help you get started.

- Join "Resurrection Rhythms" to foster spiritual growth through practices resurrectionphl.org/practices
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox resurrectionphl.org/daily-prayer to help you get started.

GIVE

The intentional financial participation of those who consider Resurrection Philadelphia their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own needs but to be able to serve others in our city and neighborhoods. Here are a few ways that you can contribute financially to Resurrection Philadelphia:

- Give online | resurrectionphl.org/give
- Text any amount to 84321, follow the link, and select Resurrection Philadelphia
- Checks may be mailed or arranged through Electronic Bill Pay to be sent to: Resurrection Philadelphia, 123 S 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

SERVE

We seek to be a church that demonstrates the love of Christ to our city. This year, our deacons have cultivated partnerships with several local organizations. To view current opportunities to serve, please visit https://www.resurrectionphl.org/serve-city





REDEMPTION HOUSING















Announcements

Do You Get Resurrection News?

If not, sign up using the form at the bottom of resurrectionphl. org, or by filling out the welcome form at the end of this bulletin.

Two Service Opportunities on Saturday, October 28

- Come at 8:30 and help clean out the little-known "gym" in our basement by serving at our Center City workday.
- And/or serve for a shift at Emmanuel, a ministry out of the Center City building that provides a nutritious meal every Saturday to people experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. Our church is covering Saturday, October 28.
 We are looking for people to help set up, cook, and serve food. No experience needed, and families are welcome to serve together! We offer two shifts: 9 am to 11:30 am and 11 am to 1 pm.
- Sign up at resurrectionphl.org/upcoming-events for either or both!

Winter Coat Drive for Emmanuel Starts October 29

We're gathering men's and women's gently used winter coats, sweatshirts, hats and gloves to distribute to community members who take part in the Emmanuel meals (served from our Center City building). Please drop items in the box in the entry lobby. The drive will run from October 29 through November 19 so we can get the items out to community members before the cold sets in!

Exodus Series Resources for Individuals and Groups

Dr. Cyndi Parker has put together resources to help us engage with the book of Exodus and explore our participation in the Great Story we are called into as God's people. You can find week-by-week resources for individuals and groups at resurrectionphl.org/discussion.

Adult + Children's Choirs Now Forming for Christmas

We're forming two choirs to help with music at this year's Lessons and Carols service: one for adults and one for children. If you and/or a child of yours is interested, please email christopher@resurrectionphl.org. Rehearsals will be short and sweet (Children's Choir will rehearse during coffee hour) and will begin in November.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November

3-5: Men's Retreat

19: West Philly Gathering

23: Emmanuel Thanksgiving Breakfast

December

10: Lessons & Carols Service,5 pm (no AM service)

Help us welcome you.

Name(s):	
Children & their ages:	
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☐ Community Groups	
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Prayer Requests	
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