

**ORDER OF SERVICE FR LIVE SERVICE for
SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2021 at 10am.**

Dr. Kay and Delilah look forward to seeing you there. xx

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent

P: towards the One who calls us each by a new name.

M: Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,

P: pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.

M: Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,

P: whose promises take on flesh and blood in the Good News called Jesus Christ.

HYMN

1) Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like you his praise should sing?
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King.

2) Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to blame and swift to bless.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3) Father-like, he tends and spares us,
all our hopes and fears he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

4) Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
praise him all in time and space.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

HEBREW BIBLE READING: GENESIS 17:1-8 and 15-17

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come forth from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. And I will give to you, and to your descendants after you, the land of your journeyings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

And God said to Abraham, "As for Sar'ai your wife, you shall not call her name Sar'ai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her; I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"

NEW TESTAMENT: ST. PAUL'S LETTER to the CHURCH at ROME

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") -- in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK 8:34-35

Jesus called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

FIRST PRAYER

DELILAH!

HYMN

1) I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

CHORUS:

Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

2) I danced for the Scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the Dance went on.

CHORUS:

3) I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And they left me there on a Cross to die.

CHORUS:

4) I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the Dance and I still go on.

CHORUS:

5) They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

CHORUS:

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THE MESSAGE

PRAYER

HYMN

1) Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

CHORUS: Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of
Christ my Saviour;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2) Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. CHORUS:

3) Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. CHORUS:

4) Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Saviour as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. CHORUS:
(Redemption Hymnal)

BENEDICTION