Sunday, October 25, 2020 21st Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Sunday

Welcome

Gathering VU 593 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (vs1)

Lighting the Candle

May the blessing of light be upon us. The blessing of daylight, the blessing of sunlight, the blessing of Christ's light. Amen

Call to Worship

We are people on a journey – a journey of faith and hope in God's love. Come, let us continue on this journey, keeping our sights on the promises of God's grace. The invitation has been sent to each of us – no matter who we are or where we are on life's journey – we are all invited to join in following. We are invited to follow Christ wherever we are led; to follow into service, into contemplation, into worship, and into communion with God, God's people, and God's created world. Come, let us journey on. Come, people of God, let us recognize ourselves as one family of God, as we journey together toward peace and justice. God unites us as one people, and journeys with us all the way. God lead us in your ways.

Opening Prayer

We have visions, Great Creator. We hold images and dreams in our spirits that we long to see manifest, but for now, sustain us for the journey. Be known to us as we worship, and help us to cast our visions into the realm of possibility. Be known to us and guide us ever closer to the fulfillment of all healing and wholeness in

this world. Be known to us, and help us to see that every step is balm itself — every effort is part of your glory — every intention to love and share compassion is your realm on Earth embodied. Be known to us as we worship, and help us to see what is true now, as well as to hold the vision for what is possible in your grace. Amen.

Hymn VU 672 Take Time to Be Holy

<u>Prayers for Grace and Transformation</u> Words of Assurance

<u>Intro to Scriptures</u> Deuteronomy 34:1–12

Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17 Matthew 22:34–46

Reflection – Moses' Last Day

Hymn VU 703 In the Bulb There is a Flower (vs1&2)

<u>Invitation to the Offering/</u> <u>Offertory Hymn</u>

Offertory Prayer

Hymn VU 703 In the Bulb There is a Flower (vs3)

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Extinguishing the Candle

Benediction

Closing Hymn VU 433 Day Is Done (vs 1&2)

Deuteronomy 34:1–12 (NIV) – The Death of Moses

34 Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, 2 all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, 3 the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms as far as Zoar. Then the LORD said to him, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it." 5 And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. 6 He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. **7** Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone **8** The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over. 9 Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses. 10 Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, **11** who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. **12** For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

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Moses Reminisces