

Psalms  
of  
the  
Ascent

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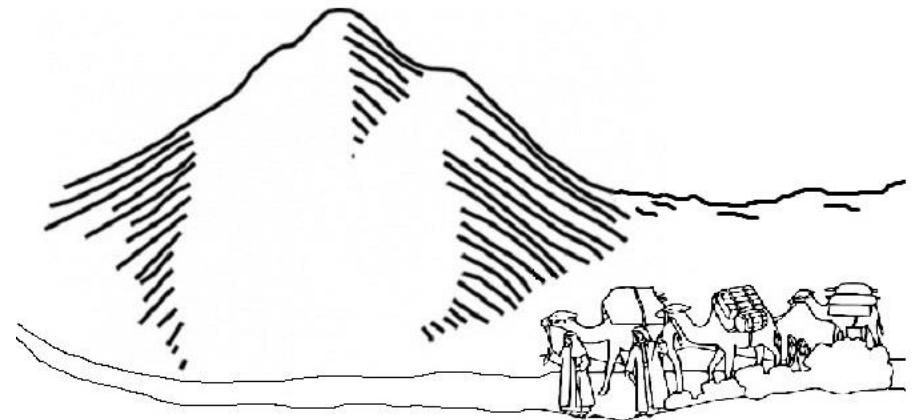
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**A Committed  
Community  
Abiding in Christ**

**May 17, 2020**

All onsite activities are suspended through May 31 due to Covid-19.  
Please listen in each Sunday on our website.

Pastor Amanda will be bringing the message on Psalm 134

## **Announcements**

### **Prayer Meeting**

Prayer meetings will begin again, on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. next week, through a ZOOM call. If you would like to participate please email Bob Horlacher ([bobhorlacher1@gmail.com](mailto:bobhorlacher1@gmail.com)) and he will send you the link to the meeting.

### **Prayer Requests/ Praises**

Please email or call Ashlea in the church office with any prayer requests or praises you may have while we are not able to meet on Sundays.

## **Congregational Spiritual Practice: Praying Psalm 23**

Pray Psalm 23 daily as a whole. This week pray and journal with the end of verse 6—"And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever" (NIV) or "I'm back home in the house of GOD for the rest of my life" (MSG).

To the psalmist, the "house of the LORD" was where God dwelled--the Temple, which was replaced in the New Testament by the Church (Eph 2:19). We are at home in the Church, but we still long for our heavenly home. What is it like for a flock of sheep to be home, or almost home? I Cor 3:12 says, "Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."

Consider what seeing God, dwelling face to face with Christ who loves you and gave himself for you, will be like. As God's beloved children, we are and will be always "at home" with Him.

### Psalm 23 A psalm of David.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.
- 2 He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.
- 3 He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.
- 4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.
- 6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.