

Shalom United Methodist Church

Sunday, July 11, 2021

Gathering to Worship God

Gathering Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, sing and dance before the Lord.

People: Praise God with the sound of music and dancing!

Leader: Let every soul sing God's praises!

People: Let the mountains tremble and the seas roar!

Leader: Praise the King of glory who guides our lives.

People: Praise the Lord of hosts who watches over us. Amen.

Hymn "To God the Glory" On Screen
Opening Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Offertory

Doxology On Screen

Scripture Esther 7:1-4; 9:20-23

Message "Hidden Hope" Pastor Peter

Responding to God's Word

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Going to Serve God

Hymn "Trust and Obey" On Screen

Benediction

Closing Song "Shalom to You" On Screen

Scripture Lesson: Esther 7:1-4, 9:20-23

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.'

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor. So the Jews adopted as a custom what they had begun to do, as Mordecai had written to them.

Helpful information:

- **To help protect our health and safety**, masks are required for all unvaccinated persons while in the church building. Please maintain appropriate social distance at all times. You can find hand sanitizer and extra masks on stand near the Sanctuary doors.
- **Children of all ages are welcome in worship!** We are currently not providing nursery care. We have activity bags for children available in the back of the Sanctuary.
- **Fill out a connection card**, then place it in the offering plate, to request prayer, mark your attendance, share contact information, or indicate interest in taking a next step in faith.
- **You can use the QR Code** at the bottom of this page to fill out a connection card, give online, or visit our website.

Leading in Worship:

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Welcome to Shalom!

If you are new to this community of faith, we want to extend a warm welcome to today! If you've been around for years, we're glad to see you again. We've adjusted many of our practices during this time to help keep everyone safe and healthy – you can find some of that information on the back of the bulletin, on our website, or ask Pastor Peter if you have any questions. We hope that you are able to experience God's grace and feel God's presence here in this place as we worship and offer our praise to God.

"Obscure" Sermon Series Info:

There is much to be found in the Bible: songs and prayers, shouts of joy and cries of pain, miracles, rules and guidelines, stories of how God's love has been with us from the beginning. But, we often overlook parts of the Bible, simply because the Bible is a big book. Over the weeks of this sermon series we will be taking a look at some of the lesser known, less often studied books of the Bible. Some of the "obscure" books. God's wisdom, stories of grace, the very heart of the Good News of Jesus can be found within these overlooked parts of the Bible – so let's discover together how things that seem obscure can help us grow in faith as we follow Jesus.