

When they met opposition in Canaan,

**God fought for them.**

When they were homeless,

**God gave them new homes  
with vineyards and olive trees.**

**Thanks be to God!**

Song: *We give thanks unto you* blue, 161

Scripture Reading: Joshua 24:14-28

Joshua: Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve God in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

People: **Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. God protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we will serve the Lord, who is our God.**

Joshua: You cannot serve the Lord, who is a holy and jealous God, and who will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then God will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.

People: **No, we will serve the Lord!**

Joshua: You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord.

People: **We are witnesses.**

Joshua: Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.

People: **The Lord our God we will serve and obey.**

Narrator: *So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem. Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the Lord.*

Joshua: See, this stone shall be a witness against us; for it has heard all the words that God spoke to us; therefore it shall be a witness against you, if you deal falsely with your God.

Sermon: "As for Me and My Household" Allan Dueck

Song: *My soul proclaims with wonder* blue, 181

### Responding to God

Congregational Sharing and Prayer Marilyn Rudy-Froese

Song: *O God in heaven* green, 53

Prayer of Thanks

### Transition to Fellowship, Christian Education, and Mission

Welcome & Introduction of Visitors

*(Please pass the friendship registers)*

Announcements

Benediction

*Please join us for coffee and tea in the fellowship hall.*

## Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Dan Schrock  
Song Leader: Greg Smucker  
Prelude/Offertory: Mike Genau and Ryan Wengerd  
Accompanist: Angela Shenk  
Scripture Reader (the part of Joshua): Abbe Buller  
Infants Care: Priscillah and Elijah Metekai  
Toddler Care: Diane Beam and Jim Alvarez  
Ushers: Dan and Matthew Williams  
AV Operator: Nicholas Schrock  
Visuals: Elisabeth Barahona

*We offer childcare during worship for infants & toddlers. Children under 2 years of age may go to the Cherub Corner room, while 2 and 3 year olds may go to the MYF room.*

## Nurture Hour

Sunday school begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. unless otherwise announced in worship. First enjoy a time of fellowship after the worship service.

- INFANTS & TODDLERS (ages 0-2) – Cherub corner
- PRESCHOOL (ages 3-4) – Forgiveness class
- PRIMARY (grade K-2) – Peaceful class
- MIDDLE (grade 3-5) – Joyful class
- JUNIOR YOUTH – JYF – off Jubilee hall
- HIGH SCHOOL – MYF – off Jubilee hall
- COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT – Library
- YOUNG ADULT (off Jubilee hall)–focus to be determined by class members
- ADULTS
- Sermon Response (sanctuary) – talk about the sermon and worship service
- Better Than a Donut (end of hallway) – discuss a different topic every Sunday
- Women's class (off Jubilee hall) – study of *Courageous Women*
- Reading the Bible (off Jubilee hall) – read books of the Bible aloud to each other

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## *Choosing God*

### Gathering & Praising

Prelude  
Opening Song: *I owe my Lord a morning song* green, 112  
Call to Worship  
Prayer

### Hearing God's Word

Songs: *You are holy* purple, 34  
*We will walk with God* green, 78  
Children's Time Ron Good  
Offering  
Confessing Our Faith in God (adapted from Joshua 24:1-13)

Let us praise God for leading our ancestors in faith.  
When Abraham and Sarah were childless,

#### **God gave them offspring.**

When famine struck,

#### **God led them down to Egypt and gave them food.**

When slavery trapped them in Egypt,

#### **God plagued Egypt and afterwards brought our ancestors out.**

When they were stuck at the Red Sea,

#### **God opened a path for them through the sea.**