

Exodus 18: 8-27

Moses told his father-in-law about everything the LORD had done to Pharaoh and the Egyptians for Israel's sake and about all the hardships they had met along the way and how the LORD had saved them. Jethro was delighted to hear about all the good things the LORD had done for Israel in rescuing them from the hand of the Egyptians. He said, "Praise be to the LORD, who rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians and of Pharaoh, and who rescued the people from the hand of the Egyptians. Now I know that the LORD is greater than all other gods, for he did this to those who had treated Israel arrogantly." Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and other sacrifices to God, and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law in the presence of God.

The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, "What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?" Moses answered him, "Because the people come to me to seek God's will. Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and laws." Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. Teach them the decrees and laws and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform. But select capable men from all the people--men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain--and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied." Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said. He chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. They served as judges for the people at all times. The difficult cases they brought to Moses, but the simple ones they decided themselves. Then Moses sent his father-in-law on his way, and Jethro returned to his own country.

The Federated Church of Hyannis

Sunday Morning Worship Service

June 27, 2021

10:00 AM



Order of Worship

Prelude: *Near to the Heart of God*, Cleland McAffey.....Roy Campbell

Words of Welcome

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the peace that passes all understanding abide with you. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***Passing of the Peace** (*We will be using sign language*)

***Opening Hymn: #247** “Come, Thou Almighty King”

Invocation: (*Psalm 96*)

Leader: O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

ALL: Proclaim God’s help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

Leader: It was the Lord who made the heavens. His are majesty and honor and power and splendor in his holy place.

ALL: Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord who comes.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

As we come together in Worship, we lift up the joys and concerns of the community as a praying church.

Prayers of the Community

The Lord’s Prayer (unison)

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

It is at this time we have the opportunity to offer our pledges and offerings to the Lord. It is out of the abundance that the Lord has provided that we respond faithfully as stewards of those gifts in our morning offering.

Offertory: *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*, Doris Mae Akers.....Roy Campbell

*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Lord, you call us to be faithful stewards of the resources we have been provided with. May the blessings of these gifts be used to serve the purposes for which you have called us to be the Church. May these gifts help share the message of hope to all. Amen.

***Hymn: #37** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” vs. 1,2,&4

Scripture: Exodus 18:8-27 (on back)

Sermon: “The Hebraic Covenant”Reverend Derek White

Closing Hymn: #248 How Firm a Foundation” vs. 1,2,3,5

Benediction

Go forth in peace, be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good, render to no one evil for evil, but strengthen the faint-hearted, help the afflicted, honor God, love and serve one another rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit now and forevermore. Amen.

Postlude: *You’ll Never Walk Alone*.....Roy Campbell

Thank you to the Diaconate for the altar flowers.