

**Christians and Empire: How then shall we live?
October 20, 2024**

Gathering

VT 759 Take My Life, and Let it Be

Call to worship

Welcome, Birthday Recognition

VT 745 God, Whose Giving

Peace Lamp

L: Let justice roll down like a river

P: And goodness like an ever-flowing stream.

Confessing and Offering

Confession

Offering

Offering Hymn VT 752 Halle, Halle

Telling God's Story

VT 63 Like a Rock

Children's time *Children 3 and under are dismissed for Little Children's time, following that there is childcare available.*

Scripture: Deuteronomy 15:1-11

L: The stories of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Sharing our Stories

Sermon response/Sharing from our lives

Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Introduction of Visitors

Announcements

(Sunday school teachers are dismissed before the final hymn)

VT 840 God Be with You till We Meet Again

Benediction

Children are dismissed to Sunday School

Thanks to: *Worship Leader:* Jep Hostetler; *Song Leader:* Scott Hochstetler; *Musicians:* Aaron Hochstetler and Jim Kaufmann; *Scripture Reader:* Elsie Mast; *Peace Lamp:* Jon Zirkle; *Children's Time:* Gretchen Krause; *Sermon:* Karl Shelly; *Pastoral sharing and prayer:* Scott Coulter; *Tech Crew:* Ben Good-Elliott and Phil Good-Elliott; *Visuals:* Kimberly Glick

If you have an announcement that pertains to the whole congregation, please get it in writing to the worship leader.

Second Hour: All are invited to participate in round table sermon discussions in the Multipurpose space. Conversation prompts are on the tables. Grab your hot beverage and join a table!

Artwork: The "Tree of Life" carpet was hand knotted by Abdul Jabber from the village of Chistian in Pakistan. It is made from silk and wool yarns and has more than 500 knots per square inch. While the tree and beautiful native birds are the main focus, along the lower third you can see the village and an old farmer working in his field. Nearby is a traditional bed that he uses to rest and eat his lunch during a long hot day of work. You can also see his wife, who comes out to the field every day to bring his lunch. Their white dog stays close to the woman, following her everywhere she goes to watch over her. This picture story is inspired by our Pakistani friends' own grandparents.