

Celebrating Rites of Passage: Turning Twelve

Gathering Music

HWB (blue) #582 *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

HWB (blue) #327 *Great is thy faithfulness*

Welcome, Announcements and Introductions

Call to Worship and Invocation STJ (green) #137 in unison

Hymn: HWB (blue) #355 Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Children's time

RITE OF PASSAGE FOR CHILDREN TURNING TWELVE

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

Sharing from Parents

Bible presentation

Congregational response

Leader: We pray that as you read this Bible, you will learn the story of God's love for us and be daily transformed by God's Spirit.

All: May the Bible you have received serve as a reminder of our support and devotion for you and your spiritual growth. May you learn to love and trust our God of peace and grace.

Hymn: HWB (blue) #407 We are people of God's peace

Offering

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: STJ (green) #97 *The Lord is my light*

Meditation

Sending hymn: HWB (blue) #64 *Asithi*

Benediction

With gratitude and respect, we recognize that we are worshipping on the traditional land that once belonged to the Haudenosaunee and Anishnaabe peoples.

We regret the lack of respect given to the Indigenous people in the past, and pledge to work for justice and reconciliation.

Leading Us in Worship

Worship Leader

Gordon Allaby

Preacher

Kendra Whitfield Ellis

Pianist

Reuben Janzen-Martin

Song Leader

Lee Shantz

Scripture Reader

Dita Leininger

Time with the Children

Gordon Allaby

Leading Rite of Passage

Linda Sloka

Those turning 12

*see below**

Congregational Prayer

Kendra Whitfield Ellis

Sound Technician

Kevin Lanctot

Ushers

Phil Ruby, Derrick Rempel

***Those turning 12: Willem Hedrick, Eben Konkle, Josh Wiebe, Stefan Fieguth, Jesse Heidebrecht, Molly Fast, Helena Katona, Julia Gingerich, Beya Lawrence**

Head sets are available, from the ushers, for hearing assistance.

Offering - For those who contribute electronically, offering cards are available or use loose change/cash so that you can participate in the giving of offering worship experience.

Childcare (infants to age 4): The nursery is located outside the sanctuary. Ushers are available to assist you. Staffed childcare is scheduled during worship throughout June.

Information Sheets with church news and activities are available on table in foyer for those who do not receive them electronically.

Welcome Visitors: We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to learn more about our church and our ministries, including our care groups, education opportunities, seniors group or youth groups, and if you'd like to be added to our email list, please contact the church office or Gordon. (*See below.*)

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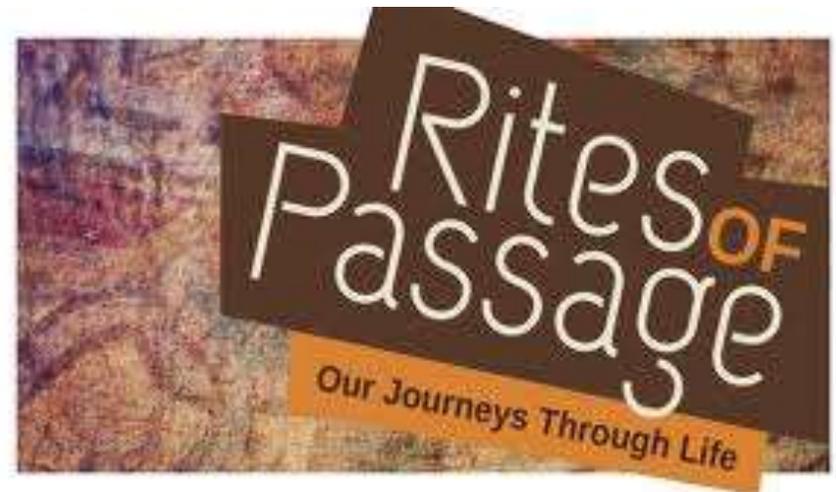
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Luke 2:41-52 (NRSV)

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.



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