

Ninth after Pentecost, Year B July 25, 2021
INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

Those who place their trust in God are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season and with leaves that are ever green.

***SCRIPTURE READING Numbers 14:6-9**

*** OPENING HYMN: #731.....Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ has been raised from the dead! That fact is the foundation of the Christian faith.

People: Our faith is firmly rooted in the reality that life is not limited by the boundaries of this world.

Leader: The strength of our faith lies in God's power demonstrated in Christ's Resurrection, which is a preview of our own resurrection.

People: Praise God for the resurrection faith given through his Son!

*** Let us pray (Congregation):**

Glorious God, who raised your Son from the dead, establishing the very essence of the Christian faith: Convince us of the reality that you raised our Lord from the dead and that you have given us a faith that proclaims our own resurrection. Thus, may we live our lives in the full assurance of this resurrection faith until at last we meet our Savior face to face in whose name we pray. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:
#662 Stand Up and Bless the Lord (vs 1, 3 & 5)**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)**

We have lacked conviction when we have talked about the Resurrection, Lord, and then when we think seriously about it we feel doubts as to how it could really be. Forgive us for our affirmations that have come from our lips only, and not our hearts. Strengthen our belief in the sure hope of Christ's Resurrection and ours that the words of our lips may be a true witness of the faith in our hearts. We pray through Christ, our Resurrection. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: #143 ...On Eagle's Wings**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God looks at us in our brokenness,
And offers blessings to all who turn to the Lord.
With the assurance of God's faithful love,
Choose this day to be people of blessing.

***SCRIPTURE READING: Joshua 1:9**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: **"Bold Faith"**

*** RESPONSE TO THE WORD: #171 ..There's Something About That Name
CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns`**

Let us pray: **The Lord's Prayer**

*** PRAYER HYMN: # 2200 O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

*** CLOSING HYMN: #349..... Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus**

*** DISMISSAL BLESSING**

1st Scripture Reading: Numbers 14:6-9 (NKJV)

⁶ But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *who* were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; ⁷ and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: “The land we passed through to spy out *is* an exceedingly good land. ⁸ If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, ‘a land which flows with milk and honey.’ ⁹ Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they^[a] *are* our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD *is* with us. Do not fear them.”

2nd Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:9 (NKJV)

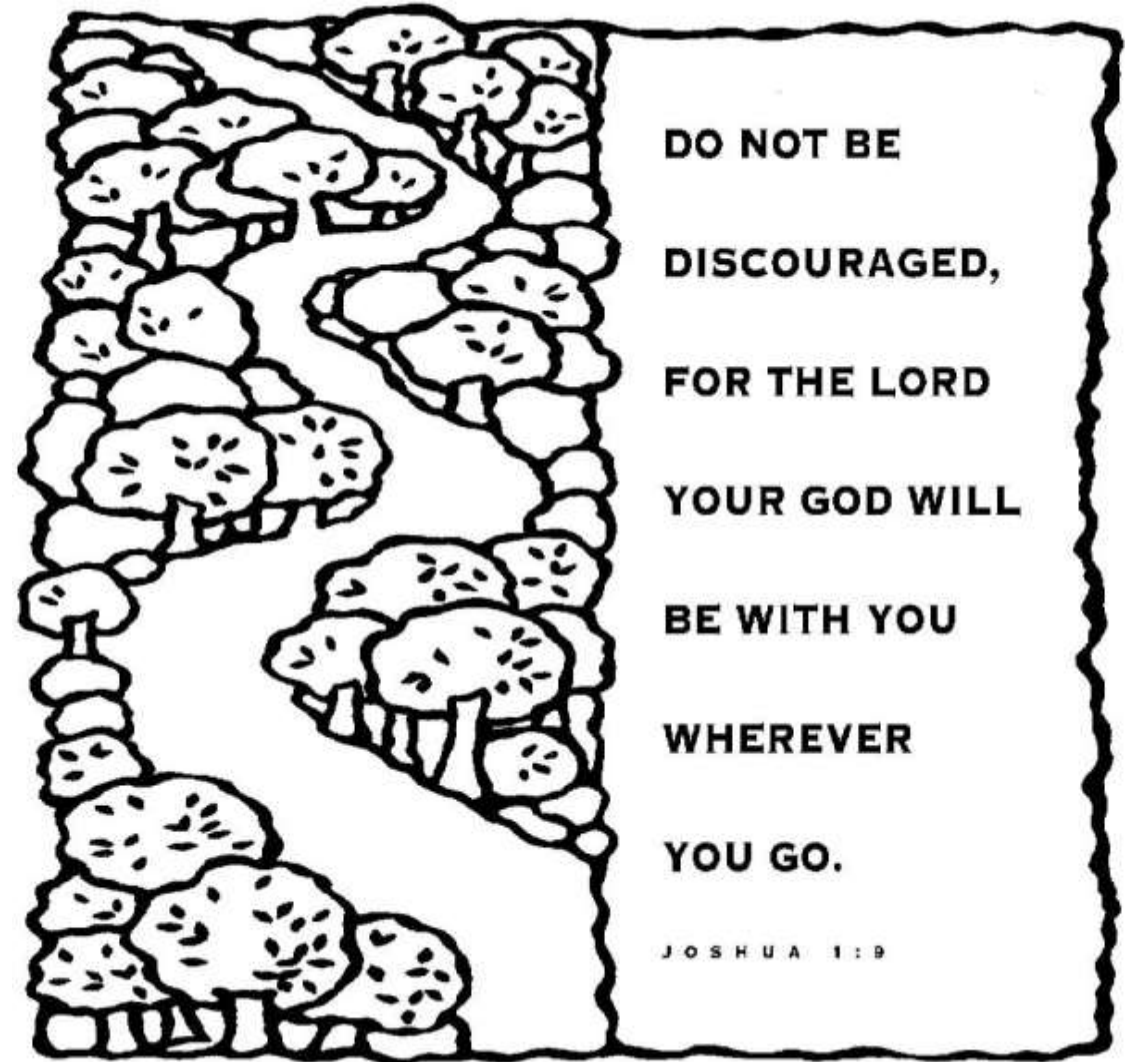
⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go.”

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