

Leviticus 19:32-37

³² “You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. ³³ “When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. ³⁴ You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. ³⁵ “You shall do no wrong in judgment, in measures of length or weight or quantity. ³⁶ You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. ³⁷ And you shall observe all my statutes and all my rules, and do them: I am the Lord.”

Notes

Reflection & Discussion Questions:

- 1. Growing up, how much interaction did you have with people from other countries? What personal experiences do you have being "foreign" in another country?
- 2. What details in the Leviticus passage stand out to you the most? What questions do you have about the passage?
- 3. What are 1 or 2 ways you could welcome a foreigner in your everyday life? In one of F&C's ministries? In other ways?

Family Business

Upcoming:

- Sunday 8/30**
8:45 am – Worship | Sanctuary
9:45 am – Sunday Morning Classes
9:45 am – Worship | Sanctuary
11:00 am – Worship | Sanctuary
- Tuesday 9/1**
6:30 pm – Deacon Committee Meeting | Conference Room 221
- Wednesday 9/2**
6:00 pm – Adult Pickleball | Gym
6:00 pm – Mission Committee Meeting | Conference Room 221
6:15 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal | Bell Choir Room
7:15 pm – Chancel Choir | Choir Room
- Thursday 9/3**
11:00 am – Prayer Meeting | Prayer Room
- Friday 9/4**
12:00 pm – Women’s Table Talk | Room 026C

*Sunday flowers were donated in memory of
Family & Friends
by Mary Kathryn Reed*

Chancel Choir Fall Kickoff: There’s never a bad time to join choir, and we’re celebrating the start of our fall season for the next few weeks with especially marvelous music, tasty treats, and fun fellowship! Join us Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. No audition, no fees, no pressure, just a group of friends making music, growing in faith, and leaning into worship. If you’re looking for a way to deepen your delight in God and widen your welcome of others, we’d love to have you. Bring a friend!

Mark Your Calendars

- September 6 | Single Service Sunday | 9:45 AM | Sanctuary
- September 13 | Next Steps Lunch | 12:15 PM | Fellowship Hall
- September 14 | Artists Anonymous | 6 PM | Off-Site
- September 16 | Pastor’s Book Club | 6 PM | F&C Library
- September 20 | Church Picnic | 5 PM | South Lawn
- September 27; October 4, 11, 18 | Alpha Live | 5:45 PM

New to First & Calvary? We’re glad you’re here! Please pick up a gift bag to learn more about us at the exits. Please sign the Friendship Pad in your pew so we can connect. Kids are always welcome in worship! Worship bags are at each entrance. Parents may use the Baby Break Room or the nursery on the first floor.

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The House of Prayer

Prelude

Call to Worship | Ella Myers, scholar Paul Ragon

Leader: When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said,
**People: “I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery.”**
As we gather here today,
let us worship the Lord,
**who continues to be our God
and who still brings us out of the places of our bondage.**
—based on Exodus 20:1-2

*Opening Hymn

634 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
WWords: William Williams, 1745; tr. Peter Williams, 1771, 1772
Music: John Hughes, 1907

Confession of Sin

Holy and merciful God,
for the times we have followed the path of the wicked,
stood in solidarity with those who were wrong,
or sat quietly and allowed sin to happen, forgive us.
Help us to meditate, even delight, in your Word
so that we will flourish with the fruit of your Spirit. Amen.

Hymn 817

Hear Our Prayer, Oh Lord
Words: Based on Psalm 143:1
Music: George Whelpton

Declaration of Forgiveness

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you have received a spirit of adoption.
When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit
bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.
Christian, be at peace and know you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

Hymn 805

Glory Be to the Father
Words: Gloria Patri
Music: Henry Greatorex

Time for Children | Rev. Don Everts

Jesus Loves Me
Oh, How I Love Jesus

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Confession of Faith | The Apostles’ Creed

Hymn No. 14

Scripture | Leviticus 19:32-37

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Musical Reflection | Camerata

Open My Eyes, Spirit Divine
Words: Clara H. Scott
Music: James Koerts

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key,
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
ready, my God, Thy will to see;
open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!
Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
and while the scriptures fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.

Doxology

Hymn No. 809

Sermon | Rev. Don Everts

Welcome the Foreigner

*Response Hymn

507 I Then Shall Live
Words: Gloria Gaither, 1981
Music: Jean Sibelius, 1899

*Benediction

Go Now In Peace
Words and Music: Don Besig and Nancy Price

*Postlude