

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

23:1-9 Then Job answered: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. "If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

23:16-17 God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

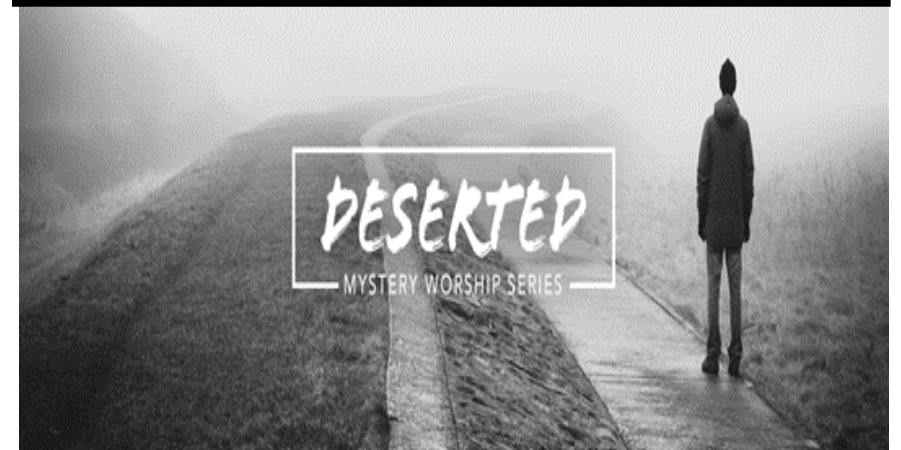


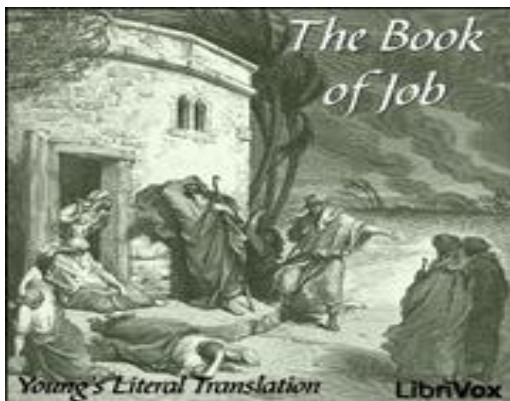
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PRELUDE AND CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We look in the mirror and *what* do we see?

PEOPLE: We see people who try to be faithful, even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.

Leader: We look in the mirror and *how* do we see?

PEOPLE: We see with hearts which are open to God's love, with lives which seek to trust when all the evidence tells us not to be so foolish.

Leader: We look in the mirror and *who* do we see?

PEOPLE: We see Jesus, the One who hears the questions we raise, who models faithfulness for all who would follow.

Leader: Let us join our voices in prayer.

ALL: Lord, you have called us here this day for healing, hope, and transformation. As we listen to the Scripture, pray our prayers, sing our hymns, and hear the words of wisdom, open our hearts to hear your claim on our lives; that we may fully and joyfully serve you. AMEN.

*HYMN - "Open My Eyes, That I May See" #454 UMH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE: "Cares Chorus" 2215 TFWS

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY- "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" #2031 TFWS

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING: Job 23:1-9; 16-17

*HYMN - "When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise" #2216 TFWS

SERMON – "A Reason to Complain"

*HYMN - "His Eye is on the Sparrow" #2146 TFWS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - "Lead Me, Guide Me" #2214

PASSING THE PEACE

*Hymns can be found in the TFWS – The Faith We Sing and UMH- United Methodist Hymnal *Please stand as you are able.*

If you are visiting our church service today, we want you to know that we are glad you are here! We invite everyone to join us down stairs after worship for a time of fellowship.