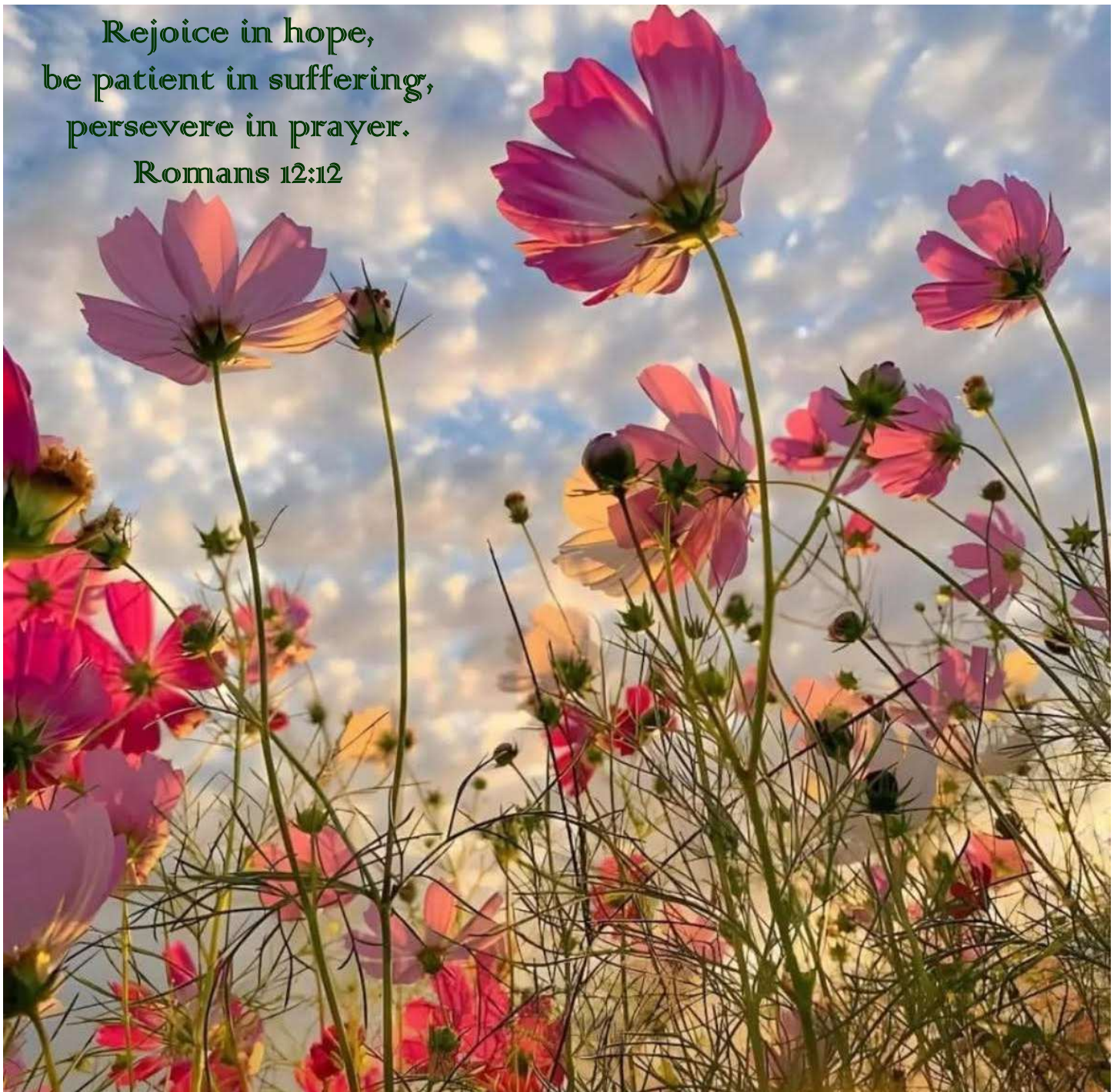


Rejoice in hope,
be patient in suffering,
persevere in prayer.

Romans 12:12



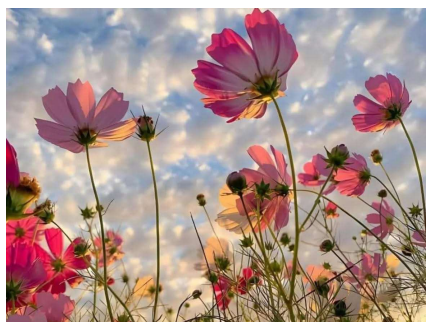
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Lois Muller, Liturgist

GATHERING

Take Up Thy Cross And Follow Me

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

Welcome, v. 1

Worship & Song #3152

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Remove the sandals from your feet.

For we are on holy ground

Remove the hardness from your heart.

For we have been touched by the Spirit.

Remove the weapons from your hands.

For we worship the Prince of Peace

Remove the chains from your wings.

For we are made in the image of God.

People of God, come to worship

We worship the Lord who is holy and just.

HYMN SING

*INVOCATION

Loving God, you have shown yourself to your people throughout the ages. Speak to us this morning, Lord. Call to us through the power of your word and set our hearts on fire to seek justice and freedom for our sisters and brothers in pain. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORIA PATRI

United Methodist Hymnal #71

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-15

CHILDREN'S SERMON

RESPONSIVE READING

Romans 12:9-21

R: Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, and make me wholly devoted to you

⁹Let love be genuine;

hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

¹⁰**love one another with mutual affection;
outdo one another in showing honor.**

¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

¹²**Rejoice in hope, be patient in affliction,
persevere in prayer.**

¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints;
pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴**Bless those who persecute you;
bless and do not curse them.**

¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

¹⁶**Live in harmony with one another;**
do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly;
do not claim to be wiser than you are. R

¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil,
but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

¹⁸**If it is possible, so far as it depends on you,
live peaceably with all.**

¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves,
but leave room for the wrath of God;
for it is written,

"Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

²⁰**Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them;
if they are thirsty, give them something to drink;**
for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."

²¹**Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good. R**

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21-28

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

The Faith We Sing #2272

SERMON

Holy Ground at Grant and Main

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Iona Abbey Worship Book

We believe in God

**whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that awaits to enslave us all,**

and whose love, defeating even death,
is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,
in God, we trust.
And, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves in service of others
to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the earth
and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness
and the power of the Spirit of Love
in the company of the faith
so to be the church for the Glory of God. Amen

PRAYER HYMN

El Shaddai

United Methodist Hymnal #123

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

United Methodist Hymnal #362

***DOXOLOGY**

United Methodist Hymnal #94

***PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Our gifts, our hearts, our lives are yours, O God. Consecrate them and use them as instruments of your peace. In Christ's name. Amen.

***HYMN**

The Voice of God Is Calling

United Methodist Hymnal #436

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Shalom to You

United Methodist Hymnal #666

Our worship has ended; our service begins. (*) Please stand as you are comfortable.

WELCOME, VISITORS!

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. There's a Visitor Center in the room to the right of the sanctuary with information and a welcome packet. If you'd like to share your name and address, you may use the QR code, or sign the guest book in the Visitor Center.



PRAYER GROUPS AND BIBLE STUDIES

- Bible Study – Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. via Zoom
- Ladies' Small Group – Friday, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Council Goals Meeting – Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 7:00 pm
- Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 7:00 pm
- Nominating Committee – Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7:00 pm
- Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 5:30 pm
- Table of Grace – Saturday, Sept. 12 from 12-1:30pm
- Annual Church Conference – Tuesday, Sept. 22, 6:30pm SPRC members, and 7:00 pm all church members



We share food with our hungry neighbors through the work of the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless. All non-perishable food is welcome. There's a [wish-list on Amazon](#). The link on the church website.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We'll share our prayer concerns aloud in worship. The ushers have microphones to bring to you to share. If you'd prefer, you may add a written prayer request to the offering plate.

CONCERNS & COMMITMENTS:

Whenever the gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, the Spirit of God is at work. If you have been touched by God and desire to make a commitment to Christ and to His Church or you would like to have the pastor pray with/for you, please speak with her.

LECTORS

August 30 Lois Muller
September 6 Rev. Rick Edwards
September 13 Amanda Mastrosimone

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

August 30 UWF
Sept 6 NONE
Sept 13 Lois & Kimberly S.

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

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