

Welcome to . . .  
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David  
May 19, 2019  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Opening Responses:**

L> As pilgrims in a strange land

**ALL> We look to God for guidance**

L> As not always knowing the way to take

**ALL> We look to God for guidance**

L> As servants often bewildered by our duties

**ALL> We look to God for guidance**

L> As changeable and erratic as we are

**ALL> We look to God for guidance**

L> God watches over us all along the journey.

**ALL> God will be behind to protect us, above to shelter us,  
and in our midst to commune with us.**

**Hymn:** King of Glory, King of Peace 659

**Prayer of Adoration:** *(said together)*

**God of all wisdom,  
we bless your holy name.**

**Your word admonishes us to seek you in all things  
that affect our lives.**

**Throughout the ages since you created us  
you have promised to guide us  
when we trust in you.**

**With thanksgiving  
we ask your guidance  
that we may be a people who honour you  
in all that we think and do. Amen.**

**Hymn:** O God Our Help in Ages Past 330

**RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:**

L> Listen for the Word that God has spoken:

**ALL> Speak Lord to our Speaking,  
speak Lord to our listening  
speak Lord to our souls' deep understanding.**

**The Word of God:** *Exodus 40:34-38*  
*Numbers 9:15-23*

L> For the Word of God in Scripture  
for the Word of God among us  
for the word of God within us

**ALL> Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer **651**

**Reflection:** *When the Cloud Moved*

**Hymn:** One more step along the world I go **641**

**Blessing:**

L> As we enter this new week,  
may God guide our steps in service.  
May Christ's love be the motivation for our journey,  
and may the Holy Spirit be the power by which we live and  
move and have our being.

**ALL> Amen**

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### **Exodus 40:34-38**

<sup>34</sup>Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup>Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled upon it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>36</sup>Whenever the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, the Israelites would set out on each stage of their journey; <sup>37</sup>but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day that it was taken up. <sup>38</sup>For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, before the eyes of all the house of Israel at each stage of their journey.

### **Numbers 9:15-23**

15 On the day the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the covenant; and from evening until morning it

was over the tabernacle, having the appearance of fire. 16 It was always so: the cloud covered it by day and the appearance of fire by night. 17 Whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, then the Israelites would set out; and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the Israelites would camp. 18 At the command of the Lord the Israelites would set out, and at the command of the Lord they would camp. As long as the cloud rested over the tabernacle, they would remain in camp. 19 Even when the cloud continued over the tabernacle many days, the Israelites would keep the charge of the Lord, and would not set out. 20 Sometimes the cloud would remain a few days over the tabernacle, and according to the command of the Lord they would remain in camp; then according to the command of the Lord they would set out. 21 Sometimes the cloud would remain from evening until morning; and when the cloud lifted in the morning, they would set out, or if it continued for a day and a night, when the cloud lifted they would set out. 22 Whether it was two days, or a month, or a longer time, that the cloud continued over the tabernacle, resting upon it, the Israelites would remain in camp and would not set out; but when it lifted they would set out. 23 At the command of the Lord they would camp, and at the command of the Lord they would set out. They kept the charge of the Lord, at the command of the Lord by Moses.