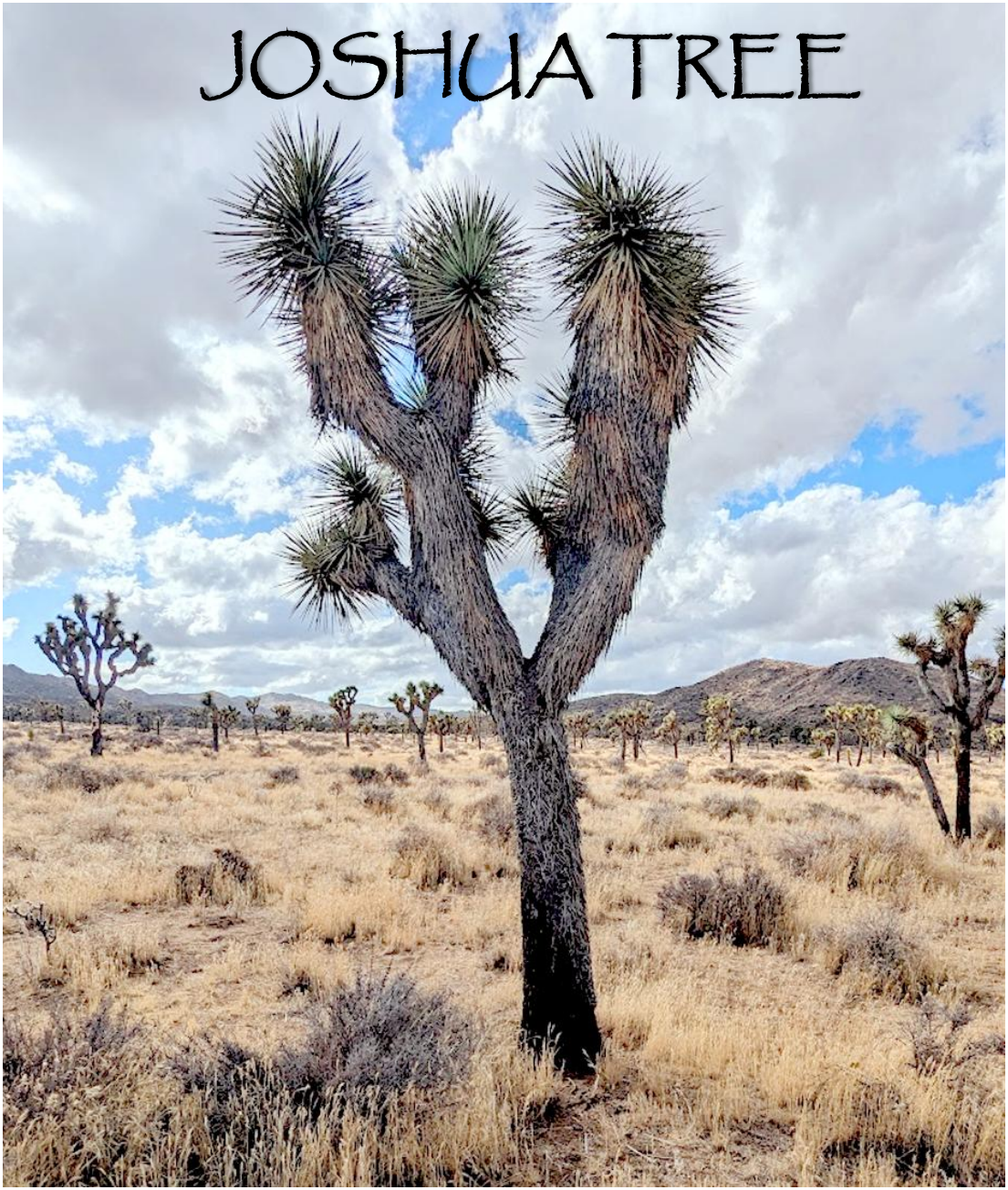


Joshua Tree National Park, 2026 | Tony Durante

November 15, 2026 | 25th Sunday After Pentecost



INFORMATION FOR GUESTS

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP! A warm welcome to our guests this morning. It is a privilege to have you join us as we worship and praise our Savior, Jesus Christ. We want you to feel at home here, so we are providing the following information to make your visit as pleasant as possible.

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN: If you have little ones with restless hands, children's bulletins can be obtained from an usher to help keep the kids occupied.

CONNECTION CARD & MY MINI FORTÉ: When the offering is collected, everyone is asked to fill out the Connect Card found in your bulletin. Please print your address and telephone number on the slip so we can better serve you and provide additional information. We will follow up with you about events and volunteer opportunities using the details you share in the "My Mini Forté" section on the back of the card.

RESTROOMS & WATER FOUNTAINS: Restrooms are located near the front and rear entrances to the sanctuary. Signs are located on the wall.

NURSERY: A nursery, with a qualified attendant, is provided for the care of children 3 years old or younger. It is in the back of the church (Luther Hall) and available during the late service at 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Kids Connect is available for children 4 years old through 5th grade following the children's message in the 10:30 a.m. service. Please pick up your children from the Lakeview Room (Luther Hall) after signing them out. Older kids are asked to attend worship unless scheduled for volunteering.

A SPECIAL INVITATION for everyone to join us in Adult Bible Classes at 9:15 a.m. in the Lakeview Room.

COFFEE IS SERVED: There is coffee fellowship every Sunday from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Breezeway. Come have a cup of joe and enjoy fellowship with one another.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Large print bulletins are located in the front entrance of the church (narthex). Please ask an usher for assistance.

RECEIVING COMMUNION: Please see the distribution statement in this bulletin (printed in the Service of the Sacrament after the prayers of the church).

HOW CAN YOU BECOME A MEMBER? If you have a previous membership with a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregation, you can transfer your membership to **Our Savior** by contacting the church office. We will gladly reach out to your previous church to request the transfer. You may also join by profession of faith. New members are welcomed regularly, and New Member Classes are offered year-round. For assistance or additional information, please call the church office at (954) 473-6888.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE at **www.oslplantation.church** to watch past sermons, read the Weekly Newsletter, view the events calendar, and access our **Facebook Page**.

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(P=*pastor,* L=*liturgist,* C=*congregation,* R=*reader,* A=*cantor*)

As we gather, please take a minute to fill out your Connect Card.

Prelude *(Bells rung to begin services.)*
Announcements

(Please stand)

8 AM Hymn of Invocation—LSB 933 My Soul Rejoices

1 My soul rejoices, my spirit voices—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior has shown me favor—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing,
Join in confessing God, who is solely
Mighty and holy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His mercy surely shall rest securely
On all who fear Him,
Love and revere Him—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

2 His arm now baring,
His strength declaring—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters,
Their rule He shatters—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted; the meek exalted.
Full are the hungry; empty, the wealthy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token all that was spoken
To Abr'ham's offspring God is fulfilling—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

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*(**8 a.m.** attendees, please proceed to the **Invocation** on **p.5**⇨)*

(Please stand)

10:30 AM Opening Song 1— Everlasting God

1. **Verse**
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord (*2x*)
REPEAT

2. **Pre-Chorus**
Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

3. **Chorus (2x)**
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

REPEAT ALL

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10:30 AM Opening Song 1— I Exalt Thee

1. Verse
For Thou oh Lord
Art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods
REPEAT

2. Chorus
I exalt Thee (2x)
I exalt Thee oh Lord

REPEAT ALL

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Invocation

L In the Name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

L Let us then *kneel* and confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

*(**10:30 a.m.** attendees, please proceed to the **Hymn of Praise** on **p.6**⇨)*

Service of the Word

(Please stand)

8 AM—Kyrie *(sung)*

A *In peace let us pray to the Lord.* C ***Lord have mercy.***

A *For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.*

C ***Lord have mercy.***

A *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.*

C ***Lord have mercy.***

A *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.*

C ***Lord have mercy.***

A *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.* C ***Amen.***

Hymn of Praise—AGPS 219 Soul's Celebration

Refrain
God is my strength, He is my salvation.
God's strong right hand
has does mighty things.
God is so great, my soul's celebration.
God gives me words
and makes my heart sing.
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia (x2)

1. Evil surrounds me all my days;
   Enemies threaten my life.
   God knows my needs and well provides
   victory conquering strife.
   [Refrain]
2. Thanks to the Lord for He is good;
   His light shines brightly on me.
   This is the day the Lord has made.
   Be glad! Rejoice thankfully.
   [Refrain]

(Please stand)

Salutation & Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

L Let us pray. Immortal Immanuel, Your Love, through humble service, bore the weight of human need. Let Your Word be exalted so that by its work we might believe that You are always with us; Jesus Christ, the only Son of God and our Lord.

C **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

L Each passage of today's scripture lessons includes the word "exalted" as they give testimony to how God shows he is with his servant.

First Reading—Joshua 3 & 4 (selected verses) And the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses. [8] Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: 'When you reach the edge of the Jordan's waters, go and stand in the river.'"

15 Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried
the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, 16 the water from
upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam
in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the
Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. 17 The
priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan
and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the
crossing on dry ground.

4:14 That day the Lord exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they stood in awe of him all
the days of his life, just as they had stood in awe of Moses.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading—Philippians 2:5-11 In your relationships with one another, have
the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
7 rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

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8 AM Handbell Tribute **Grazioso (Graceful)** ***Arr. by A. Sherman***

Holy Gospel *(Please stand)*

L The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourteenth chapter, verses 1, 7-11

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. **7** When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: **8** "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. **9** If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. **10** But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. **11** For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Apostles' Creed

L Let us with one voice confess our faith saying the Creed…

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

10:30 AM Children's Message

(Children may depart for Kids Connect.)

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8 AM Hymn of the Day—LSB 848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

1 Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose
Ev'ry gift that You impart.

2 Still Your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion ***(Cont. →)***

Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.

3 As we worship, grant us vision,
Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness,
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share.

4 Called by worship to Your service,
Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom
May Your mercy know and live.

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10:30 AM Handbell Tribute **Grazioso (Graceful)** ***Arr. by A. Sherman***

Sermon **Joshua Tree: Exalted** **Joshua 3**

Sharing of the Peace *(Please fill out your Connect Cards.)*

Offering and Voluntary

(Please stand)

Offertory—Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs. (*After each petition,* P Lord in Your mercy C **Hear our prayer.**)

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need grant us for the sake of Him who died and rose again and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

As we turn our thoughts toward Holy Communion we are reminded that this is a sacrament of God's Grace intended for baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior, repent or turn from their sins and believe that in and with the bread and wine is Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and strength to live a new life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Let us pray… C **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Words of Our Lord *(Pastor)*

Peace of God

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **And also with you.**

Agnus Dei *(sung)*
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. (*2x*)
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution *(Please be seated)*
Holy Communion is a gift from God. It is the Lord's Table to which He invites us.

*As we prepare to receive the Sacrament, we might **ask ourselves the following questions**:*

- *Do I realize that I am a sinful human being?*
- *Do I understand that our Lord gave His life, His body and blood, for me on the cross that I might be forgiven of my sins and in His resurrection raised me to a new life?*
- *Do I realize that in the Lord's Supper He gives me His true body and blood that I might be assured of forgiveness and that my faith is strengthened that I might serve my Lord and through Him serve others?*

***If you are a baptized Christian** and **share these Biblical truths**, **please join us** in the celebration of the Sacrament. If you have not yet been baptized or received instruction, please come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest to indicate you are not receiving the elements.*

***General Distribution**: For the **8:00 a.m. service**, those who are able may commune at the **altar**.*

***Individual cups** are available **year-round**, while the **Common Cup** is offered **only during special services**.*

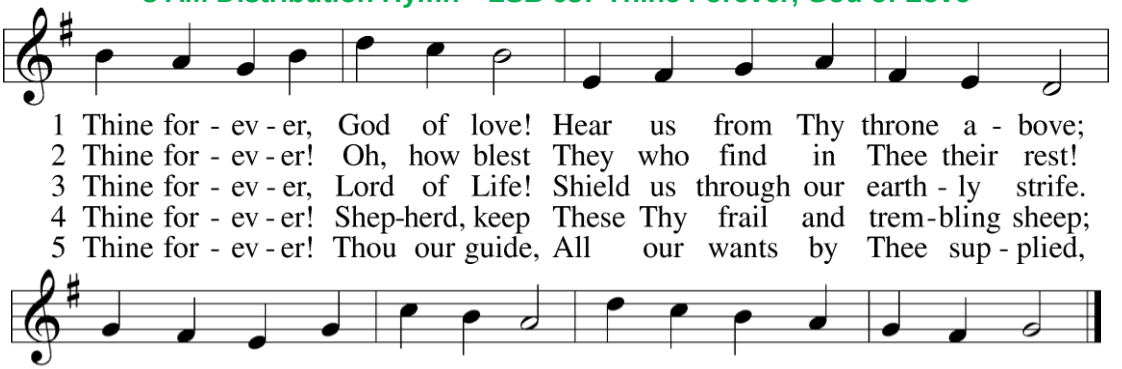
*For the **10:30 a.m. service**, we invite you to participate in the Lord's Supper by joining the **continuous line of communicants** leading to the **foot of the chancel**, as prompted by an usher.*

***Individual cups** are available **year-round**, while the **Common Cup** is offered **only during special services**.*

***White grape juice** is available in the **center of the tray** with the individual cups for those who prefer not to have wine.*

Special Distribution:
If you are unable to use the stairs or walk to the front to receive Communion, please remain seated until a Communion assistant arrives. An usher will guide you forward if needed, or the elements will be brought to you at your seat.

8 AM Distribution Hymn—LSB 687 Thine Forever, God of Love



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10:30 AM Distribution Song— Holy Holy Holy

1. **Verse 1**
   Holy holy holy
   Lord God Almighty
   Early in the morning
   Our song shall rise to Thee
   Holy holy holy
   Merciful and mighty
   God in three persons
   Blessed Trinity

2. **Verse 2**
   Holy holy holy
   All the saints adore Thee
   Casting down their golden crowns
   Around the glassy sea
   Cherubim and seraphim
   Falling down before Thee
   Which wert and art
   And evermore shalt be

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Dismissal *(Please stand)*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace. C **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us in faith toward You and in love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C **Amen.**

Benediction *(Pastor)*

Closing Hymn—LSB 727 On Eagles' Wings

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!" ***Refrain***

ref And He will raise you up
on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm
of His hand.

2 The snare of the fowler
will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.
Refrain

3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. ***Refrain***

4 For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
Refrain

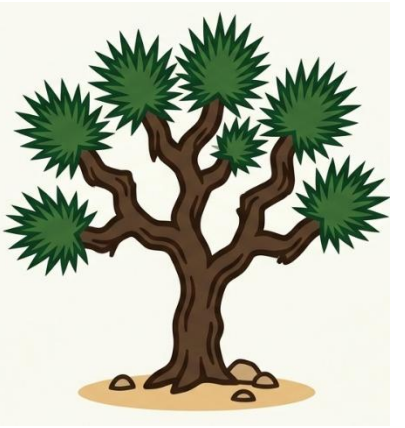
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L Go in Peace and Serve the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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JOSHUA TREE There is something extraordinary about the Joshua tree. Rising above the harsh landscape of the Mojave Desert, this remarkable member of the yucca family stands out with its unusual shape, towering trunk, and branches reaching toward the heavens. In a sense, nature has exalted the Joshua tree, setting it apart through its remarkable adaptations and unique place in the desert ecosystem. But the Bible tells us about another Joshua who was exalted—not by nature, but by God—as the people of Israel stood before the flooded Jordan River, preparing to finally enter the Promised Land. And this is where the Joshua tree and Joshua's story intersect: one is exalted through the remarkable way God designed it to flourish in the desert; the other through the remarkable way God worked through him in the wilderness. Both remind us that true greatness is ultimately found not in what we accomplish on our own, but in what God makes possible through His power, purpose, and grace.

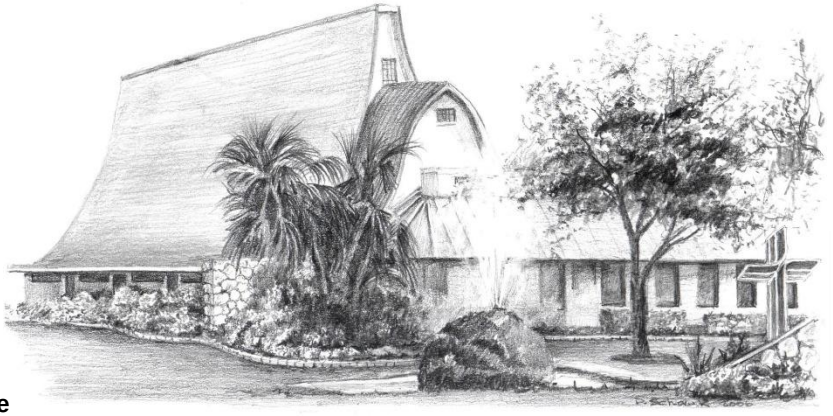


Sermon **Joshua Tree: Exalted** **Joshua 3**


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[Sun. 11/22] Thanksgiving Meal (Delivery Day)
[Wed. 11/25] THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP @ 12:15 p.m.
[Thurs. 11/26- Sat. 11/28] THANKSGIVING BREAK—Church Office Closed
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