Red Sea or Reed Sea? Did a scribe make a spelling mistake when copying out this famous story or were there walls of water tens of feet high? In fact the Hebrew word for 'red' does not mean the colour, but means 'reed'. So the 'Red Sea' should be more accurately named the 'Reed Sea.' Many scholars think that the Israelites escaped from the Egyptians over a marshy or boggy section of water. As the Israelites were on foot, and took with them small animals, they would have travelled more lightly over the reeds than an army with heavy horses, chariots and armour. Thus, they made it safely to the other side while the Egyptian army did not. We should not forget that the Israelites would likely have been quite adept at using reeds. Indigenous groups who live today in the same area, still use reeds to build boats, homes, animal shelters and boardwalks, so the skill and tradition have a long history in the region.

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We recognize that we worship on the traditional lands of the Syeelhwh Nation, which means 'The people who live here.' We acknowledge their care of the land prior to European settlement. Today, we share this land together, and continue to work towards healing and reconciliation.



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SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 No Turning Back Sunday Morning Worship "We are All the Work of Your Hand."

~Isaiah 64:8

Sing-s-Long

Welcome

Captain of Israel's host, and guide of all who seek the land above, beneath your shadow we abide, the cloud of your protecting love; our strength, your grace; our rule, your word: our end, the glory of the Lord. -Australian Hymn

Opening Hymn - <u>#708 Let My People Go! (v1-4)</u>

Opening Prayer

When He rolls up His sleeves He ain't just puttin' on the ritz Our God is an awesome God There is thunder in His footsteps And lightning in His fists Our God is an awesome God

Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above With wisdom pow'r and love Our God is an awesome God When the sky was starless in the void of the night Our God is an awesome God He spoke into the darkness and created the light Our God is an awesome God

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Responsive Psalm Reading - Psalm 114

Scripture Lessons - Exodus 14:19-31

Hymn - <u>Behold Our God</u>

Message - There's No Turning Back

Music Moment

Prayers for the People

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Announcements

Closing Hymn -<u>#128 (CH) I Sing the Mighty Power of God</u> Benediction