

**BY FAITH ~ RESPONSE TO HEBREWS 11**

**Read:** Hebrews 11:1-39 and 12:1-2

One: Our ancestors told and retold stories extolling heroes from their past.

**All: They cherished the memories of great moments of faith and life.**

One: The ancient Hebrews whom they remembered were bold, dynamic men and women;

**All: they moved forward into uncharted territories, believing in promise and venturing toward possibility.**

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**RESPONSIVE READING**

One: Ancient Giver of hope, we live in an ever-changing world

**All: fraught with daunting, unending challenges,**

One: yet filled with wonderful opportunities unknown in previous generations.

**All: Give us a new sense of possibility and purpose as we live today and face tomorrow.**

One: Stir our emotions and arouse within us the confidence and courage to explore new paths, meet new people, make new memories, experience new life,

**All: because our journey – engendered by faith – is not over. Amen.**

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**BENEDICTION**

One: As we go, we dedicate ourselves to be passionate and purposeful followers of Christ.

**All: Renewed and transformed, we go forth to offer God's shalom and Christ's peace to a hurting and broken world.**

One: We praise God for wisdom and strength as we serve in Christ's name.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen**

*Kim Ebersole*