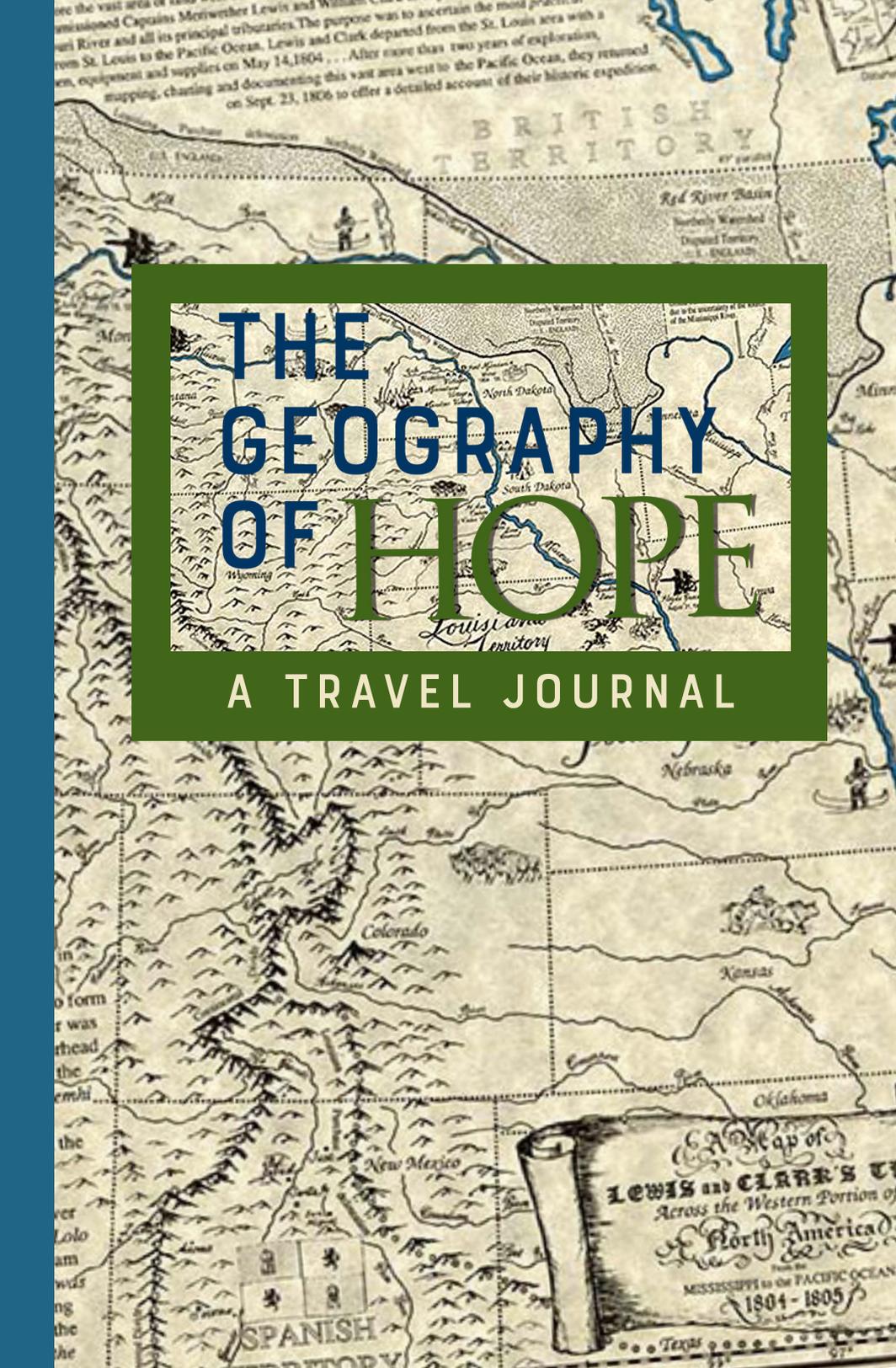


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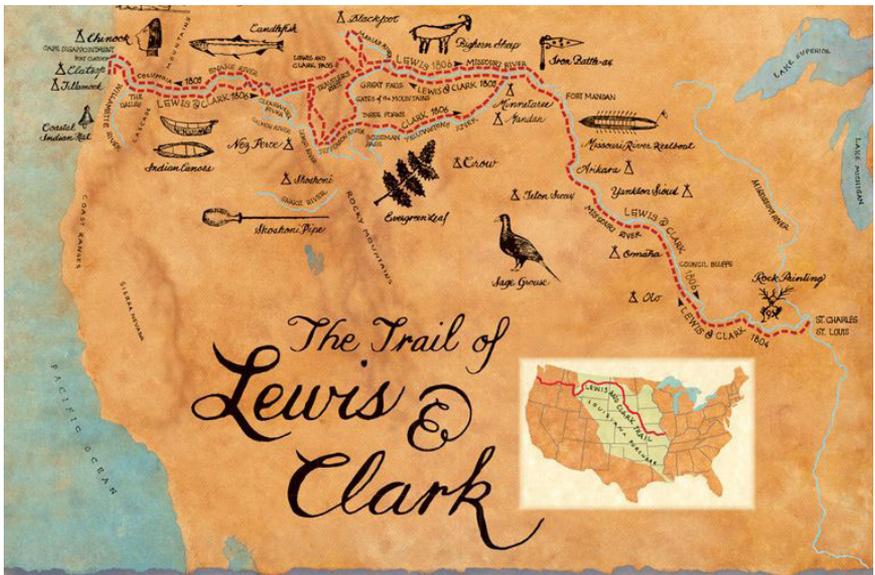
# THE GEOGRAPHY OF HOPE

A TRAVEL JOURNAL

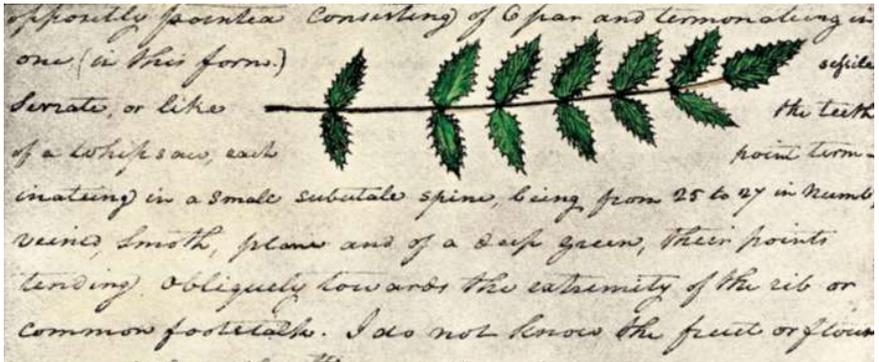


Map of  
**LEWIS and CLARK'S TRIP**  
Across the Western Portion of  
North America  
From the  
MISSISSIPPI to the PACIFIC OCEAN  
1804 - 1805

SPANISH  
TERRITORY



The Lewis and Clark Expedition began in 1804, when President Thomas Jefferson tasked Meriwether Lewis with exploring lands west of the Mississippi River that comprised the Louisiana Purchase. Lewis chose William Clark as his co-leader for the mission. The excursion lasted over two years. Along the way they confronted harsh weather, unforgiving terrain, treacherous waters, injuries, starvation, and disease. The approximately 8,000-mile journey was deemed a success and provided new geographic, ecological and social information about previously uncharted areas of North America.



## How this Booklet Works

**Welcome to Sermon in a Bag!** This is a companion bag to our fall sermon series titled "Geography of Hope". The contents of this bag include:

**Travel Journal:** that is what you are holding in your hands right now. This journal contains sermon notes, questions for you to discuss with someone you are watching or for a small group meeting, and topics for prayer and journaling for the coming week.

**Candle:** Light this candle each week at the start of worship.

**Scripture Cards:** Each week we will have a Scripture passage for you to focus on. Take it with you, post it somewhere in your home, or keep it in a special book to keep the week's message close at hand.

**Communion Elements:** October 4 is World Communion Sunday. In your communion pack you will find some juice and small pieces of Gluten Free Bread to use for Communion.

**Dough Flyer:** This year, Wayzata Community Church is engaging mission through a new initiative called "Dough". Dough will be a competition for funding and coaching through Wayzata Community Church. See the enclosed flyer for a sneak peek at how Dough works.



## The Story

Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, and the men who comprised the Corps of Discovery, set out from St. Louis in May of 1804. Their mission was to find the “Northwest Passage”— a rumored, all-water route up the Missouri River, over a one-day Portage, to the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean beyond. The discovery of this route and vast resources of the West were considered critical to the young and growing United States of America in the East.

Remarkable courage, endurance, and teamwork took the expedition farther than anyone could have hoped, but nothing could prepare them for the disappointment in not finding a Northwest Passage or the challenges of crossing the Rocky Mountains on foot and horseback. The lessons learned, wildlife discovered, native peoples encountered, maps drawn, and partnerships forged were all made possible by a persistent adherence to the geography of hope.



## Sunday, September 13

### “No Turning Back”



As we, the church, look upon a new and unfamiliar territory, we must come to grips with the truth (and the blessing) that there is no turning back. Even as our methods must change in this time, our mission will remain the same.

#### **Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-5**

*“Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”*

#### **Sermon Notes**

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## Sunday, September 20 “Leadership Off the Map”



As the church comes to peace with “no going back” then the question becomes, “Where are we going?” Adaptive leadership, like that of Paul on his missionary journey, will be the way forward.

### Scripture Reading: Romans 12:3-8

*“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; \ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.”*

### Sermon Notes

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## Sunday, September 27 “Heroes from the Margin”



While neither of them had formal roles when the expedition was conceived, the stories of York (male black slave owned by William Clark) and Sacagawea (a Native American woman who joined the expedition with her husband, a French-Canadian explorer) shape not only the expedition, but the course of our American nation ever since. What would it look like... what could it mean... if we intentionally went out of our way to identify people from the margins of the church and culture and encouraged their leadership and cultivated their gifts?

### Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:25-29

*“But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian. You are all God’s children through faith in Christ Jesus. All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Now if you belong to Christ, then indeed you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to the promise.”*

### Sermon Notes

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## Sunday, October 4 “Traveler’s Rest?”



The Traveler’s Psalm (Psalm 121) will encourage and strengthen us to continue the exploration of the geography of hope and resulting transformation of ourselves. And as we do so, we will remember the words of Rene Daumal: “You cannot stay on the summit forever; you have to come down again. So why bother in the first place? Just this: What is above knows what is below, but what is below does not know what is above. One climbs, one sees. One descends, one sees no longer, but one has seen. There is an art of conducting oneself in the lower regions by the memory of what one saw higher up. When one can no longer see, one can at least still know.”

### Scripture Reading: Psalm 121

*“I lift up my eyes to the hills from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.”*

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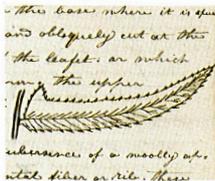
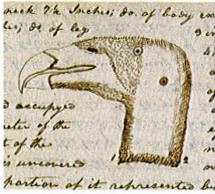




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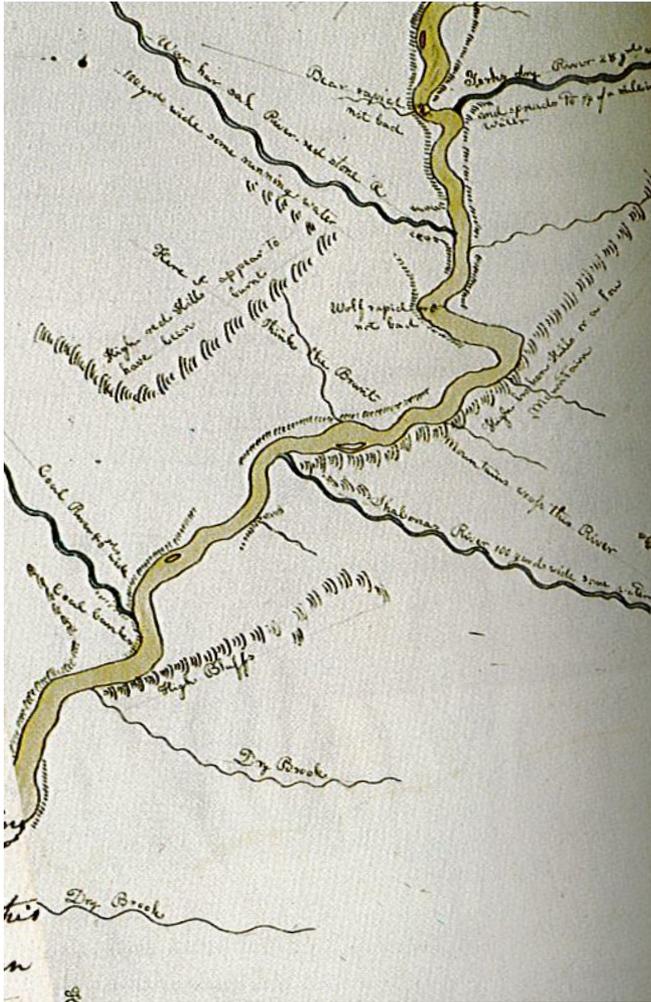
Lewis collected, pressed, and returned with more than 240 plant specimens, which later scientists drew and named. Shown here is salmonberry, which Native Americans used for food.





the feathers about its head pointed and stiff. Some have the base of the beak feathered and stiff about the eye. This is a faint likeness of the of the plains or Heath the first of those for we met with in Mysoore but in the neighbourhood of the Rocky and from which we believe and Ross and Ross's Gony an and hide remarkably close when pursued. flights etc. a large Black & White Pheasant a peculiar tall person of the Rocky Mountains watered by the Columbia River. at least we did not see them until we reached the waters of that River, nor did we see them in those mountains. They are about the size of the grouse here; the contour of the bird is much like of the redish brown Pheasant common in the mountains of the Rocky Mountains as long and as

Of the two captains, Lewis was better at botany and zoology. His journals include these drawings of the head of a California condor, the pinecone of a Sitka spruce, the swordlike leaf of a Christmas fern, and the leaf of a vine maple. He and Clark recorded 178 plants and 122 animals that were new to science.



The name of each member of the Corps of Discovery was eventually given by the captains to each landmark in the new territory. This map drawn by Clark shows York's Dry River, a tributary of the Yellowstone now known as Custer Creek.



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