



400 YEARS OF *Faith*
AMERICAN
CONGREGATIONALISM
SINCE 1620

Did you know David Livingstone...

David Livingstone was a minister, physician, missionary, explorer, and abolitionist. He was Scottish and was sent to Africa on a mission. His idea was to Christianize the natives and establish trade that would replace the East African Arab-Swahili slave trade.

Much of the interior of Africa was unknown to Europeans. Travel there was difficult for anyone, but the malaria, dysentery and sleeping sickness especially affected Europeans and their animals. Livingstone became obsessed with mapping it and finding the routes of the Zambezi and Nile rivers so they could be used in trade that would end the slave trade. He was among the first to make a trans-continental trek across south Africa.

On one of his last trips to the interior of Africa he seems to have disappeared for six years. The American newspaper, *The New York Herald* sent a correspondent to find him. Henry Morton Stanley found him, was not certain it was Livingstone so he greeted him, "Dr.

Livingstone, I presume?"

...was a Congregationalist?

Celebrating 400 Years of American Congregationalism
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Call To Worship

L: We come to worship, celebrating 400 years since the landing of the Pilgrims.

C: They founded a life together based on faith in God and Christ's constant care.

L: They dared to rise up and create a country based entirely on leaning on God.

C: And so we come week after week, but especially this year thanking God for our life together as God's Pilgrim people.

Invocation (in unison)

Almighty God, who was before all that is, who remains beside us, one who fills our lives with blessings, we celebrate this day the lives of the men and women known as Pilgrims. In Your singularity, they found commonness; in multiplicity of their world, they found diversity; in their chords and discords, they experienced a harmony in life. In their worship, they found strength and courage and hope. So may we worship You, knowing You expect the same from us. Amen

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