

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. J. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness (Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude *Adoration* Mark Hayes

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

*Call to Worship Chris Gaddis

One: People of faith, come and worship!

All: We rejoice in this opportunity to worship together.

One: People of faith, come and praise!

All: We rejoice in this opportunity to sing with heart and voice.

One: People of faith, come and pray!

All: We rejoice in this opportunity to open ourselves to God's leading.

One: People of faith, come and listen!

All: We rejoice in this opportunity to hear the scriptures and to respond with faithful service.

*Hymn *Jesus, Lover of My Soul (vs. 1, 3)* 542

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors") Chris Gaddis

Children's Blessing Rev. Michael

First Scripture II Timothy 3:14-17 Chris Gaddis

Response One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Music *In Christ Alone* Adapted: Marsh

Camryn Kyle, Olivia Booher, vocal

Second Scripture Nehemiah 8:1-8

Response One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *People of the Book* Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought! (vs. 1, 2)* 545

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

*Dedication Prayer

RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion without regard for denominational affiliation. You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.

Invitation to Communion and Words of Institution Chris Gaddis

Prayer of Thanksgiving Chris Gaddis

*Communion Music *Abide With Me* Wm Henry Monk; arr. Pierce

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction Rev. Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Gloria & Wayne Goodaker to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthdays of Camryn Kyle and Mark & Janet Luckett.

*Please stand if you are able.

Nehemiah 8:1-8

8¹all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. 2Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. 3He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. 4The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiyah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. 5And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. 7Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. 8So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

January 31 at 9 AM – Online worship via Facebook, Mixlr, or The Church is Calling.

February 4 at 2:30 PM – Refugee Food Pantry

February 7 at 9 AM – Online worship via Facebook, Mixlr, or The Church is Calling.

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