

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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* R. Prichard; arr. Raney
Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

*Call to Worship Pam Woodward

One: God cares beyond our imagining; God has staying power that never fades; God gives power to the weak and strengthens the powerless.

All: Nothing is beyond those who trust God. Weakness and exhaustion are facts of life; the young and fit eventually tire.

One: But those who trust in God will renew their strength.

All: Like an eagle rising in the sky, like a marathon runner at peak performance, nothing will stand in their way. Tiredness and weakness are not an option!

*Hymn *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (vs. 1, 4)* 6

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors") Pam Woodward

Children's Blessing Rev. Michael

First Scripture Matthew 28:16-20 Pam Woodward

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 *Cornerstone* Hillsong
Maurice Hanley, piano and vocal

Second Scripture Acts 11:19-30

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Christians Only, Not the Only Christians* Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn *Jesu, Jesu (vs. 1, 4)* 600

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 Jason Roberts

Prayer of Thanksgiving Jason Roberts

*Communion Music *Rock of Ages*

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 Mark & Anne Carlisle to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents.

Acts 11:19-30

19 Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. ²¹The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. ²²News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; ²⁴for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. ²⁵Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.

27 At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. ²⁹The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; ³⁰this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

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

February 14 at 9 AM – Online worship via Facebook, Mixlr, or The Church is Calling

February 17 at 7 PM – Online Ash Wednesday Service via Facebook, Mixlr, or The Church is Calling

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The Great Commission

“Our mission is to manifest Christ’s love by empowering all to compassionate service.”

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