March 14, 2021 9:00 AM Len
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## 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 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross L. Mason; arr. Tornquist

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

\*Call to Worship Vicki Quisenberry

One: God is good; God's steadfast love lasts forever.

All: We know it, we believe it, we proclaim it!

One: God is good; God's steadfast love lasts forever.

All: Those who thirst for new life are satisfied; those who hunger for the living Word are filled!

One: God is good; God's steadfast love lasts forever.

All: The imprisoned ones know freedom; sinners know pardon!

One: God is good; God's steadfast love lasts forever.

All: The powerful are humbled; the needy are raised up from their distress!

One: God is good!

All: God's steadfast love lasts forever!

Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (vs. 1, 2, 4) 517

Invocation and Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors") Vicki Quisenberry

Children's Blessing Rev. Michael

First Scripture Psalm 1 Vicki Quisenberry

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 Famous For (I Believe) wells

Emily Malone, soloist

Second Scripture

Mark 9:30-37

Response

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon On the Way Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn Beneath the Cross of Jesus (vs. 1, 3) 197

## **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 Vicki Quisenberry

Prayer of Thanksgiving Vicki Quisenberry

Communion Music God So Loved the World (from The Crucifixion)

John Stainer; arr. Shackley

## GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

\*Benediction Rev. Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand if you are able.

# Mark 9:30-37

30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

33 Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

**March 14 at 9 AM** – Online worship via Facebook, Mixlr, or The Church is Calling. In-Person worship for last names beginning with D, E, F, G, J, T.

March 18 at 2:30 PM – Refugee Food Pantry

March 21 at 9 AM – Online worship via Facebook, Mixlr, or The Church is Calling. In-Person worship for last names beginning with H, K, L, M, N.

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