

**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      *Fairest Lord Jesus*      arr. Faber  
Annabelle Baur, piano      Silesian Folksong

\*Call to Worship      Pam Woodward

One: Strengthen our faith at this resurrection time, O God;

**All: give us the courage of Mary Magdalene.**

One: Strengthen our faith at this resurrection time, O God;

**All: give us the honesty of Thomas the apostle.**

One: Strengthen our faith at this resurrection time, O God;

**All: give us the joy of the gathered disciples.**

One: Strengthen our faith at this resurrection time, O God;

**All: give us the active spirit of the Risen Christ. Christ be praised.**

**Alleluia!**

\*Hymn      *Crown Him with Many Crowns (vs. 1, 2, 4)*      234  
Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

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

Children's Blessing      Rev. Michael

First Scripture      Ephesians 1:15-23      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      *In His Presence*      arr. Kingsmore  
Pam Howell, soloist

Second Scripture      Mark 16:9-20

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon      *Parenthetical Endings*      Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn      *Trust and Obey (1, 4)*      556

**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      Tom Maddox

Prayer of Thanksgiving      Tom Maddox

Communion Music      *Amazing Grace*      arr. Hayes  
Traditional American Melody

**GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE**

\*Benediction      Rev. Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

\*Please stand if you are able.

## Mark 16:9-20

### The Shorter Ending of Mark

[[And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterwards Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation. ]]

### The Longer Ending of Mark

9 [[Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. <sup>10</sup>She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. <sup>11</sup>But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. 12 After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. <sup>13</sup>And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

14 Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. <sup>16</sup>The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup>And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup>they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.’

19 So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup>And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.]]

**April 11 - 9 AM** – Online worship - Facebook, Mixlr, The Church is Calling.  
In-Person worship for last names beginning with A, B, C, D, E, F, G, I, J, T

**April 12 - 5:30 PM** – Outreach Team Zoom Meeting

**April 15 - 2:30 PM** – Refugee Food Pantry

**April 18 - 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, O, P, Q, R, S, T, V, W, Y, Z

**April 25 - 9 AM** – Online worship - Facebook, Mixlr, or The Church is Calling. In-Person worship for last names beginning with A, B, C, D, E, F, G, I, J, T

**Summer Camp at Kum-Ba-Ya** – Registration forms available in the office and online. Deadline to turn in forms is April 29!

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