

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. Bonnie Brown

Bringing of the Light

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

Prelude *For the Beauty of the Earth* C. Kocher; arr. Choplin
Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

*Call to Worship Pam Woodward

One: God's Word calls us to thanksgiving.

All: "Give thanks to God; God is good, God's love is eternal."

One: God's Word calls us to praise.

All: "Praise God! All who serve God, all who worship in the Lord's house."

One: God's Word calls us to community in faith.

All: "How wonderful it is, how pleasant for God's people to live together in harmony."

One: God's Word calls us to freedom and justice.

All: "God hears the groans of the prisoners, and sets free those who were doomed to die."

*Hymn *Thine Is the Glory* 218

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

Children's Blessing Rev. Brown

First Scripture Luke 24:36b-48 Pam Woodward

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Brown

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Music *Lead Me to the Cross* Hillsong
Mike Payton, soloist

Second Scripture Psalm 4

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Brown

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (vs. 1, 3)* 461

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 Aloma Dew

Prayer of Thanksgiving Aloma Dew

Communion Music *Like a River Glorious* J. Mountain; arr. Raney

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction Rev. Brown

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Sandy and John Roberts and Francy Miller to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sandy and Francy's parents, Everett and Virginia Miller.

*Please stand if you are able.

Psalm 4

- ¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.
- ² How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?
- ³ But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.
- ⁴ When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.
- ⁵ Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.
- ⁶ There are many who say, ‘O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!’
- ⁷ You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.
- ⁸ I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

April 18 at 9 PM – 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 via 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

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