

**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      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*      arr. Raney  
Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano      Trad. American Melody

\*Call to Worship      Steve Divine

One: Calm is your gift to us, O God.

**All: You lead us on the right path.**

One: In the valley of the shadow,

**All: you take our hand.**

One: As we sit at the table,

**All: you join us and secure us.**

One: You are eternally good for us,

**All: and eternally present with us.**

\*Hymn      *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (vs. 1, 2, 4)*      91

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")      Steve Divine

Children's Blessing      Rev. Michael

First Scripture      Psalm 118:19-29      Steve Divine

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      *This Little Light of Mine*      Smith  
Lisa Clark, soloist

Second Scripture

I John 3:16-24

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon      *Abide in Love*      Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn      *My Hope Is Built (vs. 1, 2)*      537

**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      Steve Divine

Prayer of Thanksgiving      Steve Divine

Communion Music      *The Lord's My Shepherd*      J. L. Macbeth Bain; arr. Shackley

**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 the FaHoLo Class  
to the glory of God and in loving memory of their deceased class members.*

## I John 3:16-24

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**Childcare available starting  
Sunday, April 25, in the nursery.**

### Camp Registration forms are due April 29

Make plans to go to Camp Kum-Ba-Ya this summer!

Information and registration forms are available in the church office or online at

<http://www.campkumbaya.org/camp-kum-ba-ya-is-fun/>

**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

**May 2 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

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*Good Shepherd*  
Kelly Latimore, 2019

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

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