

## 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 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* John. Helton; arr. Pierce  
Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

\*Call to Worship Rev. Michael and Chris Gaddis

One: For the joy and inspiration of worship,  
**All: "the Lord will provide."**

One: "For the deepening of faith within this community of Christians,  
**All: "the Lord will provide."**

One: For the strength to endure the hard places of life,  
**All: "the Lord will provide."**

One: For the courage to face the unknown future,  
**All: "the Lord will provide." Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn *Surely the Presence of the Lord (repeat once)* 263

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors") Chris Gaddis

Children's Blessing Rev. Michael

First Scripture Matthew 10:37-42 Chris Gaddis

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  
Taylor Mahlinger, Mackenzie Mahlinger, vocal

Second Scripture Genesis 22:1-14

Response One: The Word of God for the people of God  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *The Lord Will Provide* Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn *I Love Your Church, O God (vs. 1, 2, 4)* 274

## OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Offertory *Quiet Rest* John Turner

\*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 Chris Gaddis

Communion Hymn *God Is Here! (vs. 1, 2)* 280

Prayer of Thanksgiving Chris Gaddis

Communion Music *There Shall Be Showers of Blessing* J. McGranahan; arr. Raney

Serving the Bread and Cup

## GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

\*Benediction Rev. Michael

One: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

\*Congregational Benediction *God Is Here! (vs. 4)* 280

*Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Tres and Katie Sterett and family to the glory of God and in loving memory of William "Bill" Sterett.*

\*Please stand if you are able.

## Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

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*Sacrifice of Isaac*  
Allori, Alessandro, 1535-1607

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