

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. J. Chris Michael

Prelude *Allegro (from Sonata for Flute and Piano)* Jean B. Loeillet
Connie Ford, flute; Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

*Call to Worship Steve Divine

One: God of each human family,

All: bless this church family, gathered in the name of Jesus.

One: God of each human family,

**All: inspire this church family, gathered to praise your name,
O God.**

One: God of each human family,

**All: challenge this church family, gathered to live by the
Living Word.**

One: God of each human family,

**All: encourage this gathered church family to be good to each
other, and to be movers and shakers in this neighborhood.**

One: God of each human family,

**All: give a broad vision to this church family, gathered to serve
the downtrodden of the world.**

*Hymn *Come, We That Love the Lord (vs. 1, 2, 4)* 707

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

Children's Blessing Rev. Michael

First Scripture Psalm 31:1-5 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 *How Great Thou Art* arr. Pierce
Bree Sommerville, soloist

Second Scripture 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Treasure in Clay Jars* Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn *Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind (vs. 1, 2)* 594

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Offertory *The Swan* Camille Saint-Saëns

*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

Communion Hymn *Gather Us In (vs. 1, 3)* 284

Prayer of Thanksgiving Steve Divine

Communion Music *Song from a Secret Garden* Rolf Lovland

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 *Jesus Loves Me! (vs. 3)* 113

*Flowers have been placed on the chancel by Sheila Campbell
to the glory of God and in gratitude for the FCC Flower Ministry.*

*Please stand if you are able.

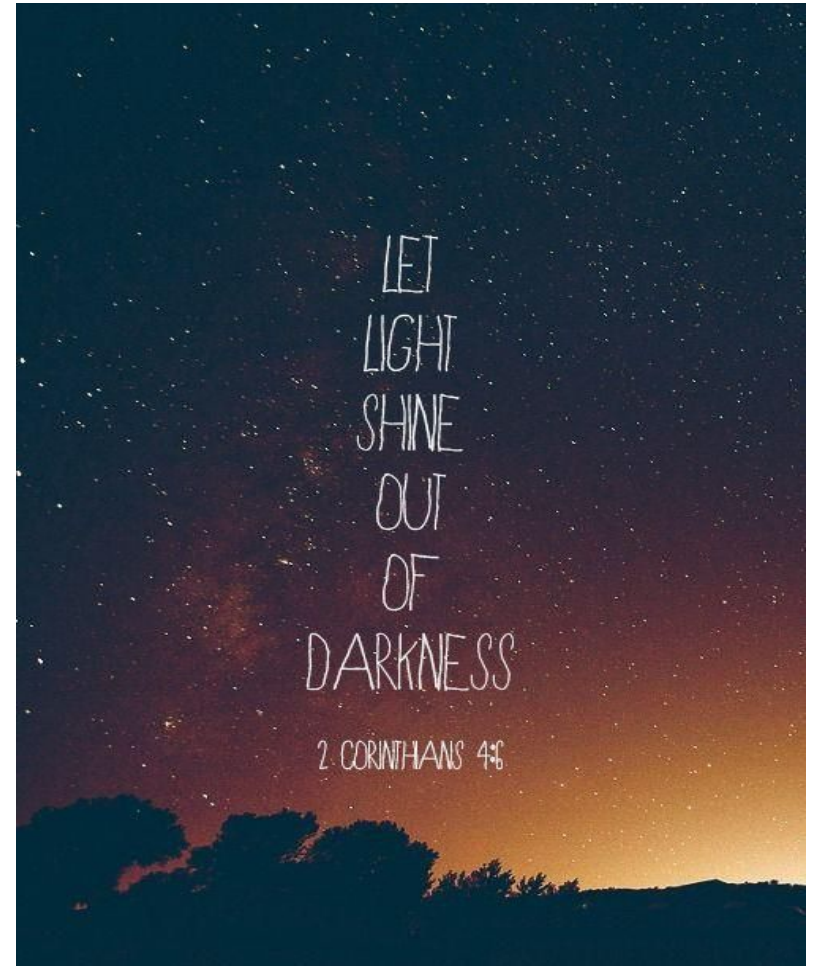
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2 Corinthians 4:5-12

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.



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

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