

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 *To God Be the Glory* William Doane; arr. Tornquist
Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

*Call to Worship Chris Gaddis

One: Great Giver of Dreams, be with us on this Sunday morning;

All: allow our prayers and praise to soar, our imaginations to venture.

One: Inspirer of Faith, be with us on this Sunday morning;

All: encourage us to hear the Word, and make the Word live in our actions.

One: Just and Wonderful Friend, be with us on this Sunday morning;

All: come with us to comfort those who have suffered loss, and give the oppressed hope.

One: Eternal One, be with us on this Sunday morning,

All: putting time in its place, pointing us towards a glory that never ends.

*Hymn *When Morning Gilds the Skies (vs. 1, 3, 4)* 100

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

Children's Blessing Rev. Michael

First Scripture Matthew 12:38-42 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 *Rock of Ages* arr. Hanley
Maurice Hanley, soloist

Second Scripture Jonah 3:1-10

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Second Chances* Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult (vs. 1, 3, 5)* 337

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Offertory *I Need Thee Every Hour* Robert Lowry; arr. Raney

*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 *Come, Share the Lord* 408

Prayer of Thanksgiving Chris Gaddis

Communion Music *Grace Greater* arr. Hanley
Maurice Hanley, piano

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 *I Come with Joy (vs. 5)* 420

Flowers have been placed on the chancel by the Hedges' family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Hedges and in honor of Marbrey Hedges.

Jonah 3:1-10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.'

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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