

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 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Beethoven; arr. Wolaver
Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

*Call to Worship Steve Divine

One: Give thanks to the Holy One!

All: God is great, and is the source of all good.

One: Bring praise to the Holy One!

All: Spread the word about all God has done.

One: Be glad that you belong to the Most High God!

All: God’s encouragement is continually there for God’s faithful people.

One: God’s wisdom is available for all nations and people;

All: God’s covenant holds fast for a thousand generations.

*Hymn *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth (vs. 1, 2)* 225

*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (using “debts” and “debtors”) Steve Divine

Children’s Blessing Rev. Michael

First Scripture Isaiah 25:6-9 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 *It is Well With My Soul*
Susan Dant, soloist

Second Scripture Philippians 4:1-9

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Rejoice* Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

Hymn *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (vs. 1, 3)* 606

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 Hymn *O God of Vision (vs. 1, 5)* 288

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction Rev. Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Communion Music *Wherever I May Wander* arr. Page
New England Folk Melody

Flowers have been placed on the chancel by Ken & Sue Lawson to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents.

*Please stand if you are able.

Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

September 20 at 9 AM – Online worship via Facebook, Mixlr, or The Church is Calling and **worship in-person for those with last names beginning with A, B, and I.** Please remember to wear your mask.

September 27 at 9 AM – Online worship via Facebook, Mixlr, or The Church is Calling and **worship in-person for those with last names beginning with C, D, E, and T.** Please remember to wear your mask.

September 27 at 6 PM – You are invited to a Vespers service outside in our parking lot. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on and communion. (Rain Date is October 4 at 6 PM.)

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

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