

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. Olson
Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano Trad. American Melody

*Call to Worship Steve Divine

One: You invite us to worship, O God, and we rejoice!

All: We are able to leave the anxieties of our daily lives behind.

One: You invite us to worship, O God, and we give thanks!

All: We realize the full extent of your wonderful gifts.

One: You invite us to worship, O God, and we remember!

All: We are aware of your love, so graciously shown in Jesus Christ.

One: You invite us to worship, O God, and we respond!

All: We are ready to act compassionately and justly, in Christ's name.

*Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! (vs. 1, 4)* 4

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

Children's Blessing Rev. Michael

First Scripture Psalm 96:1-9 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 *I Am Not Alone* Jobe
Brittany Logsdon, soloist

Second Scripture I Thessalonians 1:1-10

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Our Message of the Gospel* Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn *My Hope Is Built (vs. 1, 4)* 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 Hymn *We Call Ourselves Disciples (vs. 1, 2)* 357

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction Rev. Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Communion Music *I'd Rather Have Jesus* George Beverly Shea; arr. Hayes

Flowers have been placed on the chancel by Ginger & Terry Norris to the glory of God and in honor of our Church family.

*Please stand if you are able.

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

October 11 at 9 AM – Online worship via Facebook, Mixlr, or The Church is Calling and **worship in-person for those with last names beginning with H, K, L, N.** Please remember to wear your mask.

October 11 at 6 PM – All are invited to a Vespers service outside in our parking lot. You may listen from your car or bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Don't forget to bring your communion. (Rain Date-October 18 at 6 PM.)

October 12-16

5 PM & 6 PM Regional Assembly Online Workshops

October 17

Chi Rho & CYF Trip to Jeffreys Cliffs

9:30 AM Regional Assembly Online Worship Service

12:00 PM Regional Assembly Online Business Mtg.

October 18 at 9AM - Online worship via Facebook, Mixlr, or The Church is Calling and **worship in-person for those with last names beginning with M, O, P, Q, S.** Please remember to wear your mask.

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