

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. J. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness (Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Musical Call to Worship *Spirit of the Living God*

Taylor Mahlinger; Mackenzie Mahlinger, vocal and guitar

*Call to Worship Brian Belcher

One: Living God, you are the source of our security;

All: In the midst of our troubles, you will be with us.

One: Living God, you are the source of our strength;

All: When uncertainty and weakness grip us, you will build us up.

One: Living God, you are the source of our faith;

All: In Jesus Christ you have given us the Sign to believe in.

One: Living God, you are the source of all our time;

All: With us now, your love lasts through all eternity.

*Hymn *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (vs. 1, 4)* 6

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (using “debts” and “debtors”) Brian Belcher

Children’s Blessing Rev. Michael

First Scripture Psalm 1 Brian Belcher

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 *10,000 Reasons*

Second Scripture I Thessalonians 2:1-8

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

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Sermon *Knowing Your Audience* Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn *Abide with Me (vs. 1, 3)* 636

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 Brian Belcher

Prayer of Thanksgiving Brian Belcher

Communion Music *Deep River* arr. Raney

Traditional American Melody

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction Rev. Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Flowers have been placed in the chancel to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Don & Carol Lee Riley, and in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary by Rebecca & Mike Glenn and family.

I Thessalonians 2:1-8

2You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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.

October 21 at 6:30AM – Men’s Bible Study at Panera

October 25 at 9 AM – Online worship via Facebook, Mixlr, or The Church is Calling and **worship in-person for those with last names beginning with R, V, W, Y, Z.** Please remember to wear your mask.

October 25 at 5PM – Trunk or Treat – Check your email for details.

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

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