



**SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

Welcome Rev. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"The Solid Rock"

William Bradbury

Arr. Mark Hayes

\*Call to Worship Eric Farmer

One: We come into your presence, O God, a community of faith, proud of our venturing heritage.

**All: Abraham set out with Sarah and found a new land.**

One: Moses went into the desert, to escape the persecution of Pharaoh.

**All: Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem, and re-established a worshipping community.**

One: Jesus returned to Jerusalem and overcame the forces of evil.

**All: In the confidence of our faith tradition, let us worship God!****\*Hymn #22****"To God Be the Glory" (all)**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Eric Farmer

(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Eric Farmer

Psalm 43

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Blessing Rev. Chris Michael

Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited forward for a blessing, then will be escorted to Worship and Wonder (Located at the end of the first floor education wing.)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Chris Michael

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD****Message in Music**

Maurice Hanley, Solo

"Holy Forever"

Tomlin

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

Matthew 15:21-28

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

"Gone to the Dogs"

Invitation to Discipleship

**\*Hymn #284****"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!" (all)****OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Robert Lowry

Arr. Mary McDonald

\*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 Chris &amp; Cate Gaddis

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

William Bradbury

Arr. Mark Hayes

**GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE**

\*Benediction Rev. Chris Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

\*Please stand, if you are able.

**Scripture Readings****First Reading- Psalm 43**

1 Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and unjust deliver me!

2 For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off?

Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;

let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

4 Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy;

and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

**Second Reading- Matthew 15:21-28**

21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' 23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' 24 He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' 26 He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' 27 She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' 28 Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.