



**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

"Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children"

Carey Bonner; Arr. A. J. Pierce

\*Call to Worship Chris Castlen

One: A vision for our faith community, a vision of youthful worship.

**All: Voices praising, young and old together, God's name glorified.**

One: A vision of faithfulness to God's Word.

**All: The challenge of the prophets, heard; the psalms, a strength; the teachings of Jesus, the Way to follow.**

One: A vision of compassionate service.

**All: The powerless empowered, the weak supported, the vulnerable given self-confidence.**

One: A vision with the love of Jesus Christ at the center.

**All: Let us worship God!****\*Hymn #517****"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (vs 1 - 3)**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Chris Castlen

(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Chris Castlen

Matthew 7:1-6

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

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

Matthew 7:7-14

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

"Ask, Seek, Find"

Invitation to Discipleship

**\*Hymn #609****"Take My Life" (vs. 1, 2, & 6)****OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Blessed Assurance"

Phoebe P. Knapp; arr. Bill Wolaver

\*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 partake the cup and bread after your prayers.*

Invitation to Communion John &amp; Janey Burns

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"I Surrender All"

Henry A Cesar Malan; arr. Bill Wolaver

**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- Matthew 7:1-6**

'Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. 2 For with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. 3 Why do you see the speck in your neighbors eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your neighbor, "Let me take the speck out of your eye", while the log is in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbors eye. 6 'Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

**Second Reading- Matthew 7:7-14**

7 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? 10 Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him.

12 'In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

13 'Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy\* that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. 14 For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.