

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Bonnie Brown

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

Prelude Elton Smith, Piano
"Trumpet Tune"
William Duncombe

*Call to Worship CC Webb

One: Joyful praise, is God's promise.
All: Music and song will gladden our hearts in worship.

One: Inspiration from the scriptures, is God's promise.
All: Through our listening and reflection, God's Word will come alive.

One: Faith community friendship, is God's promise.
All: As we build each other up, Christ's family will prosper.

One: The loving Spirit, is God's promise.
All: The Spirit will lead us to the peace that nothing can destroy.

***Hymn #27**
"Come Thou Almighty King" (vs 1,2, & 4)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer CC Webb
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading CC Webb
Psalm 66: 1-5

One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Blessing Bonnie Brown
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 Bonnie Brown

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Choir Message
"We Gather to Praise"
Gaither
arr. McDonald

Second Scripture Reading Bonnie Brown

Acts 17:22-31

One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Bonnie Brown

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn #420**
"I Come With Joy" (vs. 1,3, & 5)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Bonnie Brown

Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
"To a Wild Rose"
Edward MacDowell

*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 & Cate Gaddis

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
"Seasons of Life"
Mark Hayes

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction Bonnie Brown

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

*Please stand, if you are able.

Scripture Readings

Acts 17:22-31

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. 23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28 For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we too are his offspring."

29 Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'