

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
"O Worship the King"
J. Michael Haydn
Arr. Lani Smith

*Call to Worship Sue Napper
One: Jesus is the true vine and God is the vine grower.
All: We are the branches.
One: It is God's Word that makes the branches strong;
All: and the Word bears fruit.
One: The Word gives rise to action;
All: and action proves our discipleship.
One: God celebrates when we act faithfully;
All: and we give back praise and glory, to God.

***Hymn #707**
"Marching to Zion" (vs. 1,2, & 4)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Sue Napper
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Sue Napper
Acts 10:25-33
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

Choir Message
"Do Lord, Remember Me"
arr. McDonald

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael
Acts 10:34-43
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael
"The Most Important Story Never Told"

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn #453**
"Called as Partners in Christ Service" (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD
Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael
Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"
American Folk Melody
Arr. Sandra Eithun

*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 Steve Divine & Laura Michael
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
"Sweet Beulah Land"
Squire Parsons, Jr.
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 Reading

First Reading- Acts 10:25-33

25 On Peter's arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshipped him. 26 But Peter made him get up, saying, 'Stand up; I am only a mortal.' 27 And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled; 28 and he said to them, 'You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. 29 So when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?' 30 Cornelius replied, 'Four days ago at this very hour, at three o'clock, I was praying in my house when suddenly a man in dazzling clothes stood before me. 31 He said, "Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. 32 Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is called Peter; he is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner, by the sea." 33 Therefore I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say.'

Second Reading- Acts 10:34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'