



SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Rev. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light and the Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

From "Geistliche Kirchengesang," 1623

Arr. Pepper Choplin

*Call to Worship

Meghan McKinley

One: Early in the morning, we gather at the edge of heaven,

All: finding the gates flung wide open by the One who welcomes all.

One: Early in the morning, we come to this holy place of worship,

All: to be touched by the One who offers us grace and love.

One: Early in the morning, we worship God, who adopts us into the family,

All: to be filled by the One who would pour us out in service to the world.

*Hymn #543

"Blessed Assurance" (vs. 1 & 3)

*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

Meghan McKinley

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

First Scripture Reading

Meghan McKinley

Genesis 9:18-27

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Blessing

Rev. Chris Michael

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

Special Music

Patrick Whitmer, soloist

"In the Garden"

C. A. Miles

Arr. Rumi Oh

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

Genesis 11:1-9

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

“The More Things Change....”

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #461

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” (vs. 1 & 4)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Patrick Whitmer, soloist

"He Touched Me"

William J. Gaither

*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

John & Janey Burns

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"In This Very Room"

Ron Harris

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 Reading

First Reading - Genesis 9:18-27

¹⁸ The sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham was the father of Canaan. ¹⁹ These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was peopled. ²⁰ Noah, a man of the soil, was the first to plant a vineyard. ²¹ He drank some of the wine and became drunk, and he lay uncovered in his tent. ²² And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. ²³ Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father’s nakedness. ²⁴ When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, ²⁵ he said, “Cursed be Canaan; lowest of slaves shall he be to his brothers.” ²⁶ He also said, “Blessed by the Lord my God be Shem, and let Canaan be his slave. ²⁷ May God make space for Japheth, and let him live in the tents of Shem, and let Canaan be his slave.”

Second Reading - Genesis 11:1-9

¹ Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” ⁵ The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. ⁶ And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸ So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.