

July 4, 2021

9:00 AM

Pentecost 6

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. J. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

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

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano
"When Morning Gilds the Sky"
By Joseph Barnby, arr. Ann Jeannette Pierce

*Call to Worship Pam Woodward

One: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega,
the one who is, who was, and is to come.

All: We come to worship the one who rules justly.

One: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness;
the ruler of the kings of the earth!

All: Bread of Heaven, God with us!

One: Good Shepherd, True Vine!

All: Eternal Word, Great I AM!

One: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace!

**All: We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings
and Lord of lords! To him be glory and dominion
forever and ever! Amen.**

*Hymn #720 MATERNA
"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Pam Woodward
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Matthew 5:38-48 Pam Woodward
One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Blessing
*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. Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Music "I'll Fly Away" 1st/3rd Quartet
by Albert E. Brumley, arr. Craig Courtney
Shirley Sandifer, Angela Bruce, pianists

Second Scripture I Samuel 8: 4-22 Rev. Michael

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

Sermon "Give Us a King!" Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #452 HERE I AM, LORD
"Here I Am, Lord" (v. 1 and 3)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Michael
*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 and Words of Institution Pam Woodward
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music "He Hideth My Soul"
by William J. Kirkpatrick, arr. Mark Hayes

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction Rev. Michael
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

*Please stand if you are able.

*Flowers have been placed in the chancel to the glory of God
by Forrest Roberts and Allen Holbrook in celebration
of the 245th anniversary of the United States of America.*

I Samuel 8: 4-22

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, 5and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' 6But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the Lord, 7and the Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. 8Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. 9Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.'

10 So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. 11He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; 12and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. 13He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. 14He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. 15He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. 16He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. 17He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. 18And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.'

19 But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, 20so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.' 21When Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. 22The Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to their voice and set a king over them.' Samuel then said to the people of Israel, 'Each of you return home.'

Primetimers Plus: A Night of Music and Fellowship- On Wed, July 7, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall, the Primetimers Plus will host a potluck dinner with special musical guests, The River City Strings. Two of our own FCC musicians, Ann Jeanette Pierce and Wendell Thompson, play in this seven member ensemble. Fried chicken will be provided, and guests are encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts. Guests are always welcome. **The deadline to RSVP is TODAY.** Please contact Ron Waite— e-mail: ronwownsbr@aol.com Home - (270) 683-8510 Mobile - (812) 454-8555



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