



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

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Traditional American Melody

Arr. Joel Raney

\*Call to Worship

Colton Manley

One: Covenant God, God of Abraham and of Sarah, we come before you.

All: You will keep your word!

One: Covenant God, God of Amos and of Jeremiah, we come before you.

All: You will keep your promises!

One: Covenant God, God of the New Covenant in Jesus, we come before you.

All: The cross is your trusted sign!

One: Covenant God, God whose love is sealed in the waters of baptism, we come before you.

All: Your covenant endures!

\*Hymn #550

"There’s Within My Heart a Melody" (1,3,5)

\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

Colton Manley

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

First Scripture Reading

Colton Manley

Acts 16:16-24

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

solo, Maurica Hanley

“No More Night”

-Phelps

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 16:25-34

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

"Where is the Church?"

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn #545

"He Leadeth Me"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

“Higher Ground”

Charles Gabriel

\*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

Patrick & Michelle Whitmer

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

solo, Maurice Henley

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Traditional

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 16:16-24

<sup>16</sup> One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you<sup>[a]</sup> the way of salvation.” <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe.” <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

Second Reading- Acts 16:25-34

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” <sup>29</sup> The jailer<sup>[a]</sup> called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” <sup>31</sup> They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord<sup>[b]</sup> to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.