

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 Patrick Ritsch, piano
Hymn Improvisation

*Call to Worship Patrick Whitmer
One: We gather together in praise and worship of our Faithful God, because our help and hope rests always in the Lord our God.

All: We bring our praises and thankful responses to our Saving God.

One: Blessed be the Lord our God, who is our security and hope, and whose mercy and grace frees us from all that traps us.

All: Blessings, honor, and glory be to the Lord our God.

One: We come together to praise worship our all-Powerful God, because we are confident of God's generous care over us.

All: Our eternal trust is in the name of the Lord our God, Amen.

*Hymn #277 HOLY MANNA
"Christians, We Have Met to Worship" (v. 1 and 3)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Patrick Whitmer
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Patrick Whitmer
Psalm 124
One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Music "Total Praise" First Pres Ensemble
by Richard Smallwood

Second Scripture James 5:7-11 Rev. Michael
One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Gift of Patience" Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn #514** GENEVA
"God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty" (v. 1, 2, and 5)

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 Mike Tichenor
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"Serenity"
by John Turner

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 Carroll Laswell in memory of her parents, Martha B. and Thomas C. Laswell.

Scripture Readings

First Reading- Psalm 124

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

1 If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—let Israel now say—
2 if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,
3 then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;
4 then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;
5 then over us would have gone the raging waters.
6 Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.
7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
8 Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading- James 4:7-11

7 Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. 9 Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! 10 As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Serving Schedule

Liturgist: Patrick Whitmer
Elder at the Table: Mike Tichenor
Elders for the Hospital:
Wayne and Gloria Goodaker

First Pres Ensemble:
Vocals- Nadia Wilkes,
Kerry Showers, Janine Showers
Pianist- Patrick Ritsch