

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

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

By Adoniram Judson Gordon, arr. Carol Tornquist

*Call to Worship Mike Bruce

One: The Bread of Life has come among us.

All: Who is this Bread of Life?

One: It is none other than Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son!

All: We hunger for the true bread that will nourish our souls.

One: Come, then, to Christ who feeds us with his very life!

All: We come, needing sustenance and nurturing. AMEN.

*Hymn #543 ASSURANCE

"Blessed Assurance"

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Mike Bruce

(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture John 6:41-51 Mike Bruce

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Blessing Rev. 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. Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Music "Thankful" Janet Corum

by David Foster

Second Scripture John 6:52-58 Rev. Michael

Response

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Flesh and Blood" Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #23 LAUDA ANIMA

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" (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 Angela Bruce

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

"Simple Gifts"

by Joseph Brackett, arr. Ann Jeannette Pierce

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 Henry and Carolyn Williams, praying for the health and safety of our children and teachers as they head back to school.***Scripture Readings****First Reading- John 6:41-51**

41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 42 They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' 43 Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Second Reading- John 6:52-58

52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' 53 So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Serving Schedule

Liturgist: Mike Bruce

Elder at the Table: Angela Bruce

Elder for the Hospital: Kaye Farmer

Worship & Wonder: Beverly Dawson;

Nancy Connor