

WELCOME

This morning as we join in worship, our hope for you is that you will find renewed life, health and strength in God. We are glad that you have heard God's call to come and worship, and that you have chosen to do so with this congregation. If you do not have a church home in this area, we invite you to join with us as we seek to serve Christ and live as His disciples. You may be received into church membership by profession of faith, letter of transfer, or reaffirmation of faith. If you are interested in uniting with this church, please contact the church office or any elder.

Session Members

Nancy Mason - '20 - Worship
Matt Shick - '20 - Stewardship
John Hehn - '21 - Facilities
Bob Friskney - '22 - Fellowship
Deborah Thatcher - '22- Mission

Cindy Doyle - '20 - Christian Ed.
Carina Brushwood - '21 - Cong. Care
Patty MacEwen - '21 - Administration
Carol Shick - '22 - Worship
Cammie Williams - Clerk of Session

Our Mission Statement

To provide opportunities for people to
discover God's love,
seek God's purpose,
and do God's will.

Our Vision Statement

Glorifying God with
mind, body, and soul.

Pastor: The Rev. Loli Reiter
Ministers: The Congregation

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts
of him who called you out of darkness into
his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9*

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**18th Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 2, 2020, 11:00 A.M.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Sheep May Safely Graze" - J.S. Bach

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 20)

I pray that the Lord answers you
Whenever you are in trouble.
Let the name of Jacob's God protect you.
Let God send help to you from the sanctuary
And support you from Zion.
Let God grant what is in your heart
And fulfill all your plans.

SONG "Blessed Be Your Name"

**Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name**

**Every blessing Your pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name**

**Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name**

**You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in You. We asserted our own goodness, forgetting all the good in us comes from You. We turn away those in need not trusting that your goodness and provision will be enough. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to see You, Lord. Help us to recognize your goodness and grace at work in the world and in each of us. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 32:22-32

SERMON *"What wrestling with God will get ya'."*

HYMN # 384 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

**O love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.**

**O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.**

**O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of**

God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offering - "Thanking God for Our Teachers!"

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song "Your Grace Is Enough"

**Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart**

**Remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God**

**Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me**

**Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along**

**Your grace is enough
Haven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all, be with you all.
The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. Amen.**

POSTLUDE "Baroque Fanfare" - Jean Mouret

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE THIS WEEK

Temple Keeper: Jim High (on or before 8/8)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES The office is PHYSICALLY closed as we continue to be a part of the effort of keeping our congregation and community safe. Kara will continue to be available by telephone and email during regular church hours (Mon.- Thurs., 9:00am to 2:00pm), and the mail will continue to be picked up regularly. If there is a need, don't hesitate to contact us. Meals on Wheels will continue to prepare food on Wednesdays, but we encourage all other groups to refrain from gathering until further notice. Please continue to pray and know you are being prayed for. God bless!

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE Beth-el is in need of **volunteers** to sort food and make up bags of food on Mondays and Wednesday. They also need help distributing the food bags on Tuesdays. This is a great opportunity for Youth to get service hours! If you are interested, please contact Deb Thatcher at 813-240-1751 and leave a message.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES OF OUR CHURCH! We are so grateful for your faithful giving! You can continue to give through the mail; by setting up "Bill Pay" with your bank; and now you can make a secure gift on our website. May God continue to bless you, as you continue to be a blessing to others!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUE - Join us for Children's Zoom Sunday school - say "Hi!" To your friends, have fun with games, and learn more about being a child of God!

UPDATE FROM MISSIONS - Our goal for 100 brass has been met for Free the Girls, thank you for your donations. We'll collect for Free the Girls again next year. This is the last week for Sock-it to Beth-el, 100 pairs is our goal for this as well. We are **NOT** collecting for a yard sale, so please **DO NOT BRING** items to the church, we do not have room to store things. We hope to have a yard sale for Meals on Wheels the beginning of 2021.

EGG CARTON COLLECTION is an ongoing ministry. The cartons are taken to E.C.H.O. to be used for distribution of eggs to families when picking up food. Currently the cartons may be left on any of the benches around the court yard at the church. Upon returning to the church, a plastic silver container is available for collection, inside the front entry to the fellowship hall.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE August 15th! Please send your articles, notes, announcements, etc. to kara@seffnerpres.org

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 2, 2020

11:00 am Worship Service Online Live

12:30 pm Zoom Sunday School

Monday, August 3, 2020

7:00 pm Committees Meet Virtually/Phone

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

7:00 pm Session Meets Virtually

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

8:30 am Meals on Wheels

Sunday, August 9, 2020

11:00 am Worship Service Online Live

12:30 pm Zoom Sunday School

A HOPEFUL LOOK AHEAD

- August
- 2 - Sunday Worship Online Live, Zoom Sunday School
 - 3 - Committees Meet Virtually
 - 4 - Zoom Session Meeting
 - 5 - Meals on Wheels
 - 9 - Sunday Worship Online Live, Zoom Sunday School
 - 12 - Meals on Wheels
 - 16 - Sunday Worship Online Live with Communion, Zoom Sunday School
 - 19 - Meals on Wheels
 - 23 - Sunday Worship Online Live, Zoom Congregational Meeting
 - 26 - Meals on Wheels
 - 30 - Sunday Worship Online Live, Zoom Sunday School

PRAISES and CONCERNS

Pray at all times in the Spirit...Ephesians 6:18a

Our ministry is to pray for our members who are hospitalized, ill, home bound, attending college, and in the military; and to also encourage others to send cards, make a phone call or visit if possible. If you do not have a directory or need an address not listed, please contact the church office, we will be happy to help.

Rob Bargo
Susan Kriska
Jim Barfield

Robert Lavazza
Tammy Wooster
Bonnie & John Taylor

Bill Worth
Terry Cooney
Charles Brandt

George Kosan
Bob Stetler
Joy Lavazza

Prayers and Concerns for:

Healthcare Workers: Mazen Al-Alawi, Waleska Alvarado, Jenny Carswell, Lexi Crawford, Allie Abrams Downey, Maggie Hehn, Patricia Hudson, Cheryl High Sawyer, Joelle Vlahakis

College: Kai Abe, Elizabeth Banks, Michaela Brushwood, Danh Cooney, Michael Hawkins, Christian Jaimungal, Rachel Kosan, Peter Lapham, Amber Todd, Jenny Todd

Military: Jeff Mason Jr., Diego Rincon, Justin Ernul, Wyatt Harris, Michael Paynter, Sherryn Ramkarran, Aaron Sampson