

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	Cindy Doyle - '20 - Christian Ed.
Matt Shick - '20 - Stewardship	Carina Brushwood - '21 - Cong. Care
Patty MacEwen - '21 - Administration	Bob Friskney - '22 - Fellowship
Carol Shick - '22 - Worship	Deborah Thatcher - '22- Mission
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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20th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Liturgy of Word and Sacrament
August 16, 2020, 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Now Shall My Inward Joy Arise and Burst Into a Song"
 - Sacred Harp Song

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Acts 4)

As a community of believers gathered, may we be of one heart and mind;
May an abundance of grace be at work in all of us, today and every day,
As we continue to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.
Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN # 2226 "Bind us Together Lord"

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.
There is only one God, there is only one King;
There is only one body, that is why we sing.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Unity, You call us not to be the same, but to be of one heart and mind.
Yet, we are slow to listen, quick to speak, and quick to anger. Forgive us, for
the many ways we create divisions and build walls. Forgive us for clenching
fists in defense of our individualism instead of reaching out open hands to
build up our community. Change our hearts to be more like Yours, Lord. We
pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 133

SERMON *"What makes birthday cake so yummy!"*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offering - "Thanksgiving for Christian Fellowship of all ages"

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.

PREPARING FOR COMMUNION

HYMN # 2126 "All Who Hunger"

**All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from wilderness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

INVITATION AND SETTING THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. You fashioned this world in love, and govern all the earth with grace and peace. Nations and monarchs rise and fall, but your reign is for all time, and your mercy is without end.

People: In love you made us to know and serve you. When we turned from you and bent our knees to gods of our making, you spoke through prophets to bring us back to your ways.

Leader: You gave us a vision of your holy kingdom that we might hunger after

righteousness and thirst for justice, and long for the day when peace will triumph over the pride and greed of nations. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the servants around heaven's throne and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Born as king in David's line, he lived with the lowly and cared for the least of your children. His power was revealed in weakness, his majesty in mercy. His captors knelt to mock him, giving him bruises instead of praise, and piercing thorns for a crown.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees (2x)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun O Lord, have mercy on me.
Partake of Bread

SHARING THE CUP

Let us drink wine together on our knees (2x)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun O Lord, have mercy on me.
Partake of Cup

Let us praise God together on our knees (2x)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun O Lord, have mercy on me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Nourished at this table, O God,
may we know Christ's redemptive love
and live a new life in him.
Give us who are fed at his table,
Grace to share our bread with the hungry
and the hungry of heart.
Keep us faithful in your service
until Christ comes in final victory
and we shall feast with all your saints.
We pray in the name of the risen Lord,
Jesus who taught us how to pray saying...
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.

PRAISE SONG "Build Your Kingdom Here"

**Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us**

**We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are You church
We pray revive this earth**

**Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray**

**Unleash Your kingdom's power
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

"Going Home" - Dvorak

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE THIS WEEK

Temple Keeper: Fred Shambach (on or before 8/22)

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION - Today we celebrate communion. **Please have bread or crackers and juice ready for worship.**

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!

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!

CONGREGATIONAL ZOOM MEETING - Sunday, August 23, 2020, 12:30 pm, there will be a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of presenting the slate of Elder nominees for the Class of 2023 and slate of Officer Nominating Committee for 2021. This will be our first Congregational Meeting on Zoom. If you need help with getting on Zoom, **PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE**. We want as many members included as possible. The slate is as follows:

Slate of Elders for Class of 2023

Facilities – Jay Heidt
Stewardship & Finance – Carol Dolphin
Christian Education – Melissa Triebwasser

Slate of Congregation Members of 2021 Officers Nominating Committee

Ed Holzman
Christina Boyd
Dewey Walklin

Youth Elder for 1 year 2021

Isabel Reiter

MISSION'S GIFT BASKET SILENT AUCTION for Family Promise. Help us support this great ministry by bidding on a variety of great baskets. Pictures of the baskets and a list of what is in them will be sent in an email with instructions on how to bid. Bidding will be closed at the end of our **DRIVE-THRU LUNCHEON, August 30th**. Get one as a gift for a friend or for yourself!

5th SUNDAY DRIVE-THRU LUNCHEON - Join us August 30th! The menu is Cuban sandwich served with Columbia Restaurant's 1905 salad, plantain chips and dessert. Please email or call with your **reservation by August 26th**, so we may have an accurate count for meals (kara@seffnerpres.org). We ask for a donation when you pick up your **Lunch, 12:00-1:30 pm**. Lunch is free for those who donate blood!

BLOODMOBILE HERE SUNDAY AUG 30 - The need for your donations is essential to the health of the community. Please give the gift of life and donate **August 30** when the blood mobile is at the church. As before, you will need to make reservations for the blood drive as well:

https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/966071

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!

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.

BLESSING BAGS - We continue to help homeless people, in need of basic essentials in our community, by providing blessing bags. If you would like to pick up a blessing bag to have when out in your daily travels, there are some available on the benches around the court yard.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 16, 2020

11:00 am Worship Service Online Live with Communion
12:30 pm Zoom Sunday School
2:00 pm Audit

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

4:00 pm Zoom Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Called Session Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

8:30 am Meals on Wheels

Sunday, August 23, 2020

11:00 am Worship Service Online Live
12:30 pm Congregational Meeting

A HOPEFUL LOOK AHEAD

August 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
27 - Presbytery Zoom Meeting
30 - Sunday Worship Online Live, Zoom Sunday School
Drive-up Luncheon, Silent Auction and Blood Drive

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	Robert Lavazza	Bill Worth	George Kosan
Susan Kriska	Tammy Wooster	Terry Cooney	Bob Stetler
Jim Barfield	Bonnie & John Taylor	Charles Brandt	Joy Lavazza

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

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

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