

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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21th Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 23, 2020, 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Jesus, Guide Me” -- Bach

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Romans 12)

So, brothers and sisters, because of God’s mercies,
I encourage you to present your bodies
as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God.
Don’t be conformed to the patterns of this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your minds
so that you can figure out what God’s will is —
what is good and pleasing and mature.

PRAISE SONG “10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)”

**The sun comes up it’s a new day dawning
It’s time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes**

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Singing like never before O my soul
I’ll worship Your holy name**

**You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find**

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and Merciful God, sometimes the problems around us make us feel so small. We think we are powerless, and so we decide to do nothing about the wrong that we see. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to remember that in our weakness, You are strong. Inspire us to see with Your eyes the possibilities we miss with our limited vision. Remind us that You have equipped and empowered us to be partners in Your wonder-working. We pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 2:19

SERMON *"Every little bit helps"*

HYMN # 369 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

**I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

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 - "Giving Thanks to God"

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.

Hymn # 276

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not:
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy Faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy Faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy Faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

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

"Allegro" -- D. Zipoli

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE THIS WEEK

Temple Keeper: Ed Kelsey (on or before 8/29)

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 - Today, 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. 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 have been sent in an email with instructions on how to bid; if you have not received the email, please contact us at kara@seffnerpres.org and we will make sure you receive the information. 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**. **Anyone who is unable to pick up lunch but would like to order, we can make arrangements for delivery.** 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 **8:30 am-1:30 pm**. 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 23, 2020 Congregational Meeting

11:00 am Worship Service Online Live

12:30 pm Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

8:30 am Meals on Wheels

5:00 pm Zoom Music Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Zoom Parent Youth Meeting

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Zoom Presbytery Meeting

Sunday, August 30, 2020 Silent Auction

8:30 am - 1:30 pm Blood Drive

11:00 am Worship Service Online Live

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Drive-up Luncheon

12:30 pm Zoom Sunday School

1:30 pm Silent Auction Closes

A HOPEFUL LOOK AHEAD

August 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