

OFFERING

Many in our community give their tithes and offerings online (rescov.org/give) and yet we believe it is still good and right to give God thanks as part of our worship. If you have offering this morning you are welcome to place it in the basket in the center aisle as we give God thanks.

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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

As we continue to navigate the implications of Covid we invite you to come down the center aisle, receive the bread and then proceed to the front side aisles to partake of the cup which is in individual portions. Place your empty cups in one of the baskets that can be found on the end-seats in the front rows of the side aisles.

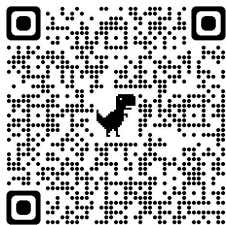
SENDING

SONG* - I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (#628)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION*

*Stand, as you are able

Use this QR code
to sign-up to help
Sunday mornings:



Use this QR code
to download the
app for our new
directory and
set-up your
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GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP* (*Chris Shelton*)

God is calling us into Life:

**the promise and the pain of it,
the wonder and the work of it,
the journey and the joy of it.**

Other voices call us, too.

We've heard the call of things,

but God calls us to simplicity.

We've heard the call of hate and cruelty,

but God calls us to love and kindness.

We've heard the call of greed and power,

but God calls us to generosity and justice.

God is calling us into life,

let us worship God, and God alone.

SONG* - Come, Let Us Worship God

1. Come let us worship God (echo).
Come let us worship God (echo).
Welcome everyone (echo),
to the love of God (echo),
to the love of God (echo).

2. Rest for the weary...
3. Food for the hungry...
4. Hope for the children...

SONG* - The Kingdom of God/El Reino de Dios

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come now, and open in us
the gates of your kingdom.

El reino de Dios es reino de paz,
justicia, y alegría.
Ven, Dios, y abre en mí
las puertas del reino.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Israel,
we are here today because,
in your great love,
you chose to create and redeem us.
Yet we confess that we are often tempted
to choose other gods.

**Forgive us when we choose to worship money
and grasp onto possessions as if they will save us.**

Forgive us when we choose to worship power
and end up feeling weak and afraid.

**Forgive us when we choose to worship things
and oppress workers and abuse your planet.**

Forgive us when we choose to worship family
and ignore the stranger and the foreigner in our midst.

**Forgive us, God, of our false worship,
and cleanse us from unrighteousness,
that we might worship only you,
the God who loves and saves us.**

~silence~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel;
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

SONG* - I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
no turning back, no turning back.

We have decided to follow Jesus,
We have decided to follow Jesus,
We have decided to follow Jesus,
no turning back, no turning back.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joshua 24:1-15

GOSPEL LESSON*

Matthew 4:8-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God's Initiative, Our Choice

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE

SONG* - Take My Life and Let It Be (#375)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER