

Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-46

Message:

Lord's Prayer:

Communion:

Offering:

Offering Prayer:

Faithful Shepherd, you call us beyond our resumes and our trophies, beyond what we have been toward who we are becoming in Christ. As we lay these gifts before you, free us from clinging to what we think gives us worth. Turn our eyes toward the future you are unfolding. Let our giving press us deeper into mercy, widen the circle of belonging, and shape us into people who embody your justice and grace. Keep us moving; keep us growing; keep us following. We press on toward your kingdom, trusting you to lead. Amen.

Blessings:

Sending Forth into our Mission Field
Where we live, work, and play

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Vertical (man to God)	Horizontal (man to man)
1. No other <u>G</u> ods	6. Do not <u>M</u> urder
2. No <u>I</u> dols	7. Do not commit <u>A</u> dultery
3. Don't take God's <u>N</u> ame in vain	8. Do not <u>S</u> TEAL
4. Remember the <u>S</u> abbath	9. Do not <u>B</u> EAR <u>F</u> alse witness
5. <u>H</u> ONor your <u>P</u> arents	10. Do not <u>C</u> OVet

Our mission as a Church is to nurture and
encourage those seeking Christ within our
community and beyond

**Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am
Receiving the Light of Christ
Welcoming: Opening Prayer:**

**Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries,
Concerns, Joys**

Call to Worship

L: We live in a world that entices us with influence, power, and accolades.

P: We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call.

L: Sometimes we find ourselves wishing for heaven without working to bring heaven to earth.

P: We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to live righteously here and now.

L: Other times, we find ourselves exhausted by working for the gospel, wondering if anything we do is making a difference.

P: We remind one another to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call, leaning on Christ as the source of our perseverance and hope.

L: Beloved, God calls us not to escape this world but to build the kingdom of God in this place and in this time.

All: We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to embody God's mercy and justice as we build God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Hymn: UMH # 467 Trust and Obey

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, present and near. You are beyond our words and our understanding. Help us to remember that You are at once infinite, boundless, timeless, and eternal, but, at the same time, intimately entwined with our lives. You are with us no matter where we find ourselves. When we have forgotten You, Lord, have mercy. When we have failed to speak words of love, Lord, have mercy. When we have neglected the need of another, Lord, have mercy. Loving God, present and near, help us to recognize Your presence and nearness with us as we worship together. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 19

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

P: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

L: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

P: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

L: In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and runs its course with joy like a strong man.

P: Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.

L: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

P: the testimony of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

L: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

P: the commandment of the LORD is pure enlightening the eyes;

L: the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

P: the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

L: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

P: sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

L: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

P: But who can understand one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

P: Also keep your servant from the insolent; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

ALL: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Hymn: TFWS # 2171 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace