



Nov 5, 2023
Elijah on Mount Carmel

*“How long will you go limping with two different opinions?
If the LORD is God, follow him,
but if Baal, then follow him.”*

1 Kings 18:21

OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

“For God alone my soul in silence waits.” Psalm 62:1

Prelude

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Joshua 24: 1-3, 14-25) *

L: We are pulled in many directions.

ALL: MANY DUTIES AND TASKS

SEEK TO LAY CLAIM ON OUR LIVES.

L: This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

ALL: THIS DAY, IN THIS PLACE,

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS AND SPIRITS TO GOD.

L: Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

**ALL: PRAISE BE TO GOD WHO SUSTAINS
AND NURTURES OUR LIVES. AMEN.**

HYMN *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns* VT 101
Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

TELLING GOD'S STORY

HYMN *Open My Eyes That I May See* VT 738

Children's Time

Scripture Reading *1 Kings 18:17-39*

HYMN *Lord, You Sometimes Speak* VT 537

Sermon

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*...with candle lighting as expression of our prayers
of lament and gratitude.*

Announcements

LIVING GODS' STORY

HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* VT 549

Benediction

Postlude *... receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.

If you do not have a home connection to the internet and would like to receive a printed copy of our weekly newsletter, please let the church office know.

Photo on front of bulletin

***Call to Worship** — written by Nancy C. Townley, and posted on the Worship Connection page of the Ministry Matters website.

Sound: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Ushers: Don Wiens & Russell Goering
Nursery: Julie Esau
Organist: Pauline Buller
Worship Leader: Joel Iwashige
Children's Time: Bryan Kehr

Welcome!

We are so glad you all are here!!

The Christ Candle and Peace Lamp are lit each Sunday as a sign of our trust in God's presence-with-us, our commitment to allow the peace of Christ to rule in our hearts, minds and lives, and our prayers for peace around the world.

Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

You can also now donate electronically on our website.

Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!

TODAY: Fellowship time following worship. Sunday School for all ages at 11:00am.

WNAF - Focus on Humanity: Voices of Local Impact

Our fall Wednesday Nights at First (WNAF) sessions conclude this week. **5:30-6:20 Dinner // 6:30-7:30 Adult Program (+ children's activities)**. This week, **Nov 8**, we will hear from Interfaith Housing and LightHouse. ***We rely on your donations to cover the cost of meals and providing honorariums to our speakers***

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **November 11** – Faith & Life Bookstore Pop-up Shop 10am-2pm
- **November 12** – Mission Festival – Heidi Unruh, preacher (potluck)
- **November 13** – Craft Night and wrapping Infant Care Bundles for MCC; 6:30-8:00pm. Volunteers of all ages welcome!
- **November 15** – Choir rehearsals begin @ 5:30 in the choir loft
- **November 15** – We'll Leave Our Lights On (community food drive)
- **November 25** – FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen
- **December 3** – FMC'S Annual Meeting, with Silent Auction & Lunch



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