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**November 25, 2018**  
**Presence of Christ Sunday**



Based on the 11 circuit Chartres Cathedral Labyrinth  
A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness.  
It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. Walking the Labyrinth is a journey of self-exploration, representing a journey inwards to our own center and back again out into the world.

## **WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST LIGHT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS; SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

\*HYMN: # 277 – Holy, Holy, Holy

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

\*INVOCATION (unison)

\***SONG OF PRAISE**

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

WELCOME Jayden Lee McClafferty

#### **WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S YOUNGER DISCIPLES**

*At this time, all children are invited to come forward for the children's offering, and children's time. An offering is not required for participation. All are welcome, especially first time visitors.*

CHILDREN'S OFFERING and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**In our hearts these gifts we bring; for you give us everything. Teach us how to follow you; in all we say and all we do. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Deborah

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.**

Children are excused as we sing: **“Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.”**

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

### OLD TESTAMENT: Micah 6:6-8

“With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
**but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?**

### NEW TESTAMENT: Mark 8:14-29

<sup>14</sup> Now the disciples had forgotten to bring any bread; and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. <sup>15</sup> And he cautioned them, saying, “Watch out—beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod.” <sup>16</sup> They said to one another, “It is because we have no bread.” <sup>17</sup> And becoming aware of it, Jesus said to them, “Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? <sup>18</sup> Do you have eyes, and fail to see? Do you have ears, and fail to hear? And do you not remember? <sup>19</sup> When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?” They said to him, “Twelve.”

<sup>20</sup> “And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?” And they said to him, “Seven.” <sup>21</sup> Then he said to them, “Do you not yet understand?”

<sup>22</sup> They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. <sup>23</sup> He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Can you see anything?” <sup>24</sup> And the man looked up and said, “I can see people, but they look like trees, walking.” <sup>25</sup> Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. <sup>26</sup> Then he sent him away to his home, saying, “Do not even go into the village.”

<sup>27</sup> Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”

<sup>28</sup> And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup> He asked them, “But who do **you** say that I am?”

SERMON: Who is He? and Who are We?

## WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN: # 507- Jesus- the Very Thought To Me

## WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY #420- We Praise You, O God

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD

\*HYMN: #301- Crown With Your Richest Crowns

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated during the Postlude)

*\*Indicates all that are able may stand.*

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7 circuit classic labyrinth

The labyrinth pattern shown here is the Classical seven-circuit labyrinth. The first documentation of this pattern is on a Greek clay tablet of more than 3000 years ago.