Welcome | Pastor Roderick Hines

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen, Amen.

Gathering Hymn | “Jesus at the Center of it All” – Shandra Hines

Gospel | Matthew 16: 13-20

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Glory be to God.

Sermon

Sermon Song | “I Know Who I Am”

Pastoral Prayer

Closing blessing

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, 
nor powers, nor height, nor depth, 
nor anything else in all creation, 
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. 
God, the creator, ✡ Jesus, the Christ, 
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, 
bless you and keep you in eternal love. 
And we all say: 
**Amen.**

**Dismissal**
Go in peace. Christ is with you. 
**Thanks be to God.**