

FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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**Prelude**

Choir

**Meditation**

Seek the Father's will.

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

*1 John 3:18*

“Little children, let us not love in word or talk  
but in deed and in truth.”

**\*Invocation**

**Unison Prayer**

If the world was random, it would make no sense to try and make sense of it, to plan and pray, to work and hope to seek a way forward through the struggles we face.

However random it may at times appear, Jesus, this world is not random, but filled with the liberating purpose of God; this we believe; to this we commit.

And so, wherever we have lost faith, hope, meaning or purpose, through our own misdirected choice, the world's unfortunate circumstance, or other people's hostile actions, we ask you to reveal your grace and salvation, and guide us all into the way that gives us a way forward towards whatever we may face. Amen.

**Offertory Meditation**

*Philippians 2:3-4*

“Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

**Giving our Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Doxology and Prayer of Blessing**

**Children’s Story**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*(Brown) #12*

*“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”*

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer**

**Scripture**

*Matthew 4:17*

*(p. 1500)*

**Special Music**

*“Shine Jesus Shine”*

Choir

**Message**

*“Living In the Now”*

Pastor Ed

**Moment of Silence**

**\*Invitational Hymn**

*“Jesus Calls Us”*

*(Brown) #580*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Hymn**

*(Brown) # 584*

*“God Be with You” (Verse 1 & refrain)*

*(\* - Rise as able in body and spirit)*

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