

## **A Letter to the Church: 10-18-20**

### **Words of Welcome**

#### **Visual Call to Worship** *(Richard Rohr)*

God cannot abide with us in a place of fear.

*God cannot abide with us in a place of ill will or hatred.*

God cannot abide with us inside a nonstop volley of claim and counterclaim.

*God cannot speak inside of so much angry noise.*

God cannot be born except in a womb of Love.

*So we offer God that womb.*

**PB**

**John Wanninger**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Slides**

Grant us, O God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:

a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;

a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;

a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;

a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.

May it be so through our lives. Amen.

### **A Time for the Child in Us All**

**PB & Maya**

#### **Music**

**Deb Roland Hodge**

#### **Visual Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

**PB**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that God has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.

For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God.

**Sermon “Work of Faith & Labor of Love”**

**PB**

**Pastor Appreciation Month**

**Video**

**Music “This is My Song”**

**Judy Phillips**

**Prayers of the People**

**Church (*PB first*)**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Vincent & Teresa Reilly**

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Offertory Invitation**

**PB & Maya**

**FCUCC ‘Be the Church’ Covenant**

**Slides**

**Benediction & Blessing**

**PB**