

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, as we gather in worship, make your presence known to us.

People: Lord, light the way for us.

Leader: Lord, grant us grace and mercy today and in the days to come.

People: Lord, light the way for us.

Leader: Lord, help us to remember to give to you the things that are yours.

People: Lord, light the way for us.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

Offertory

COMMISSION

Leader: Let us leave here with open hearts, to share God's unconditional love with all we meet.

***All: We will go with courage; holding fast to what is good; rendering to no one evil for evil.
We will strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, and help the afflicted.
Honoring all beings, we will serve God; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.***

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit, strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.***

POSTLUDE