

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **PEACE**

PRELUDE

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lord, we need a miracle today.

**Like Jesus changing water into wine
at the wedding feast in Cana,**

we need a miracle today.

We are tired, Lord, of the hurts of this world.

We need a miracle today, Lord.

**Your steadfast love, like a mighty mountain,
will not be moved.**

Let us be called together that we might be moved
to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy.

Lord, we need a miracle today. Amen.

Let us worship God.

✦ **HYMN #366** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The godliness of Jesus Christ calls us to be holy and blameless.

The riches of God's grace promise forgiveness of our trespasses.

Let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, you are the God of glory.

We confess that we often forget that your holiness is dangerous.

We take our impurities for granted, make excuses for the sins we commit,

**and expect you to overlook the harm we cause
while still demanding justice from others.**

We do not deserve your mercy.

**Forgive us, and return us to a right relationship with you
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

You made us for the purpose of praising you;

enliven us with the Holy Spirit so that we can fulfill our calling.

[continue in silence, personal confession]

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

✦ **GLORIA PATRI #581**

"Glory Be To the Father"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

✦ **HYMN #630**

"Fairrest Lord Jesus"

+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

✦ **GOSPEL READING**

John 2:1-10

SERMON

"Behind the Miracle"

+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

Hymn #481

"I Believe in God the Father"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer [page 35]

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

✦ DOXOLOGY #606

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

✦ HYMN #649

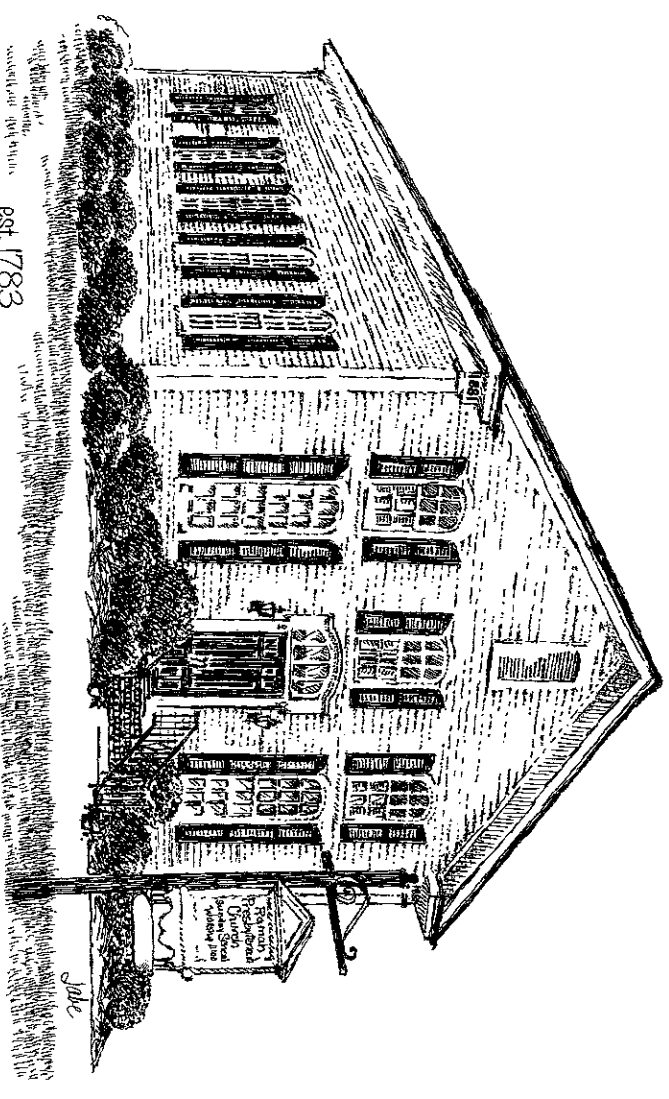
✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

"Amazing Grace"



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Sunday, July 15, 2018

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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Guest Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Jan Edmiston

Nursery: Karen Helms & Dianne Dulovitz