

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **PEACE**

PRELUDE

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Clothe yourselves with faith and love;
be confident in your salvation in Christ Jesus.

The Lord is with us!
Let us worship God.

✦ **HYMN #562**

“Be Thou My Vision”

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has not destined us for wrath,
but for salvation in Jesus, who died for us.

Confident in God’s mercies,
let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

[unison]

Almighty God,
you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love.
Even so, we have not lived according to your will.
When we are oppressed or unjustly accused,
we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance.
When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we
hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws.

Have mercy on us, Lord,
for we are weak and prone to disobedience.
Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness,
that we might turn to you again,
walk in the light,
and live in equity and peace.
[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 #579**

“Glory Be To the Father”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE 1Thessalonians 5:1-11

SERMON

+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles’ Creed [Traditional]

✦ HYMN #539

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer [Traditional]

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

✦ DOXOLOGY

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

✦ HYMN #426

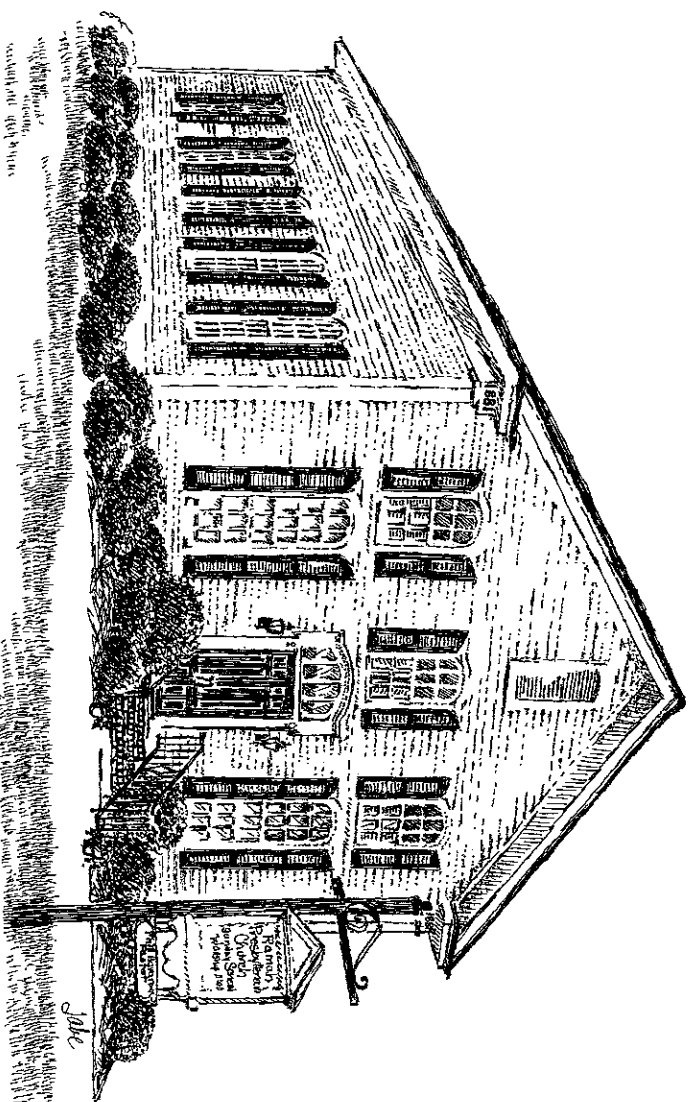
“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Greeter: Lee Brown

Acolyte: Lawrence Hawkins