

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **PEACE**

PRELUDE

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Come! Let us give thanks to God.

✦ **HYMN #210**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The One who pardons, heals, and strengthens all who repent calls us to name our failings and our hopes.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

[unison]

**Holy and all-powerful God,
who commands all spirits,
comforts those in distress,**

and casts out destructive forces,

we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown.

We admire those with courage

but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth.

We forget that you are always with us,

and that with you all things are possible.

Forgive us, lead us, make us new.

Remove our desire to heed false prophets,

and show us your way.

[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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 18:15-20

PSALM READING Psalm 111

INTERLUDE

✦ **GOSPEL** Mark 1: 21-28

SERMON

+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed [Traditional]

✦ **HYMN # 308**

"There Is a Redeemer"

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 #139**

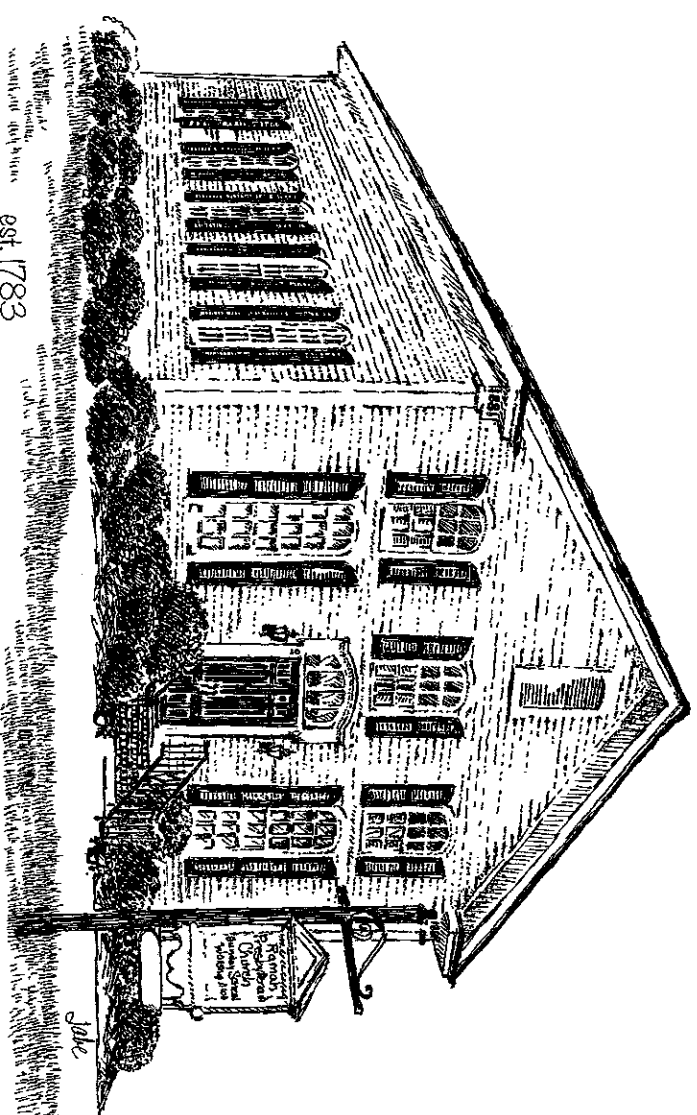
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

✦ **BENEDICTION**

✦ **POSTLUDE**

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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Sunday, January 28, 2018
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