

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **PEACE**

PRELUDE

COMMISSIONING OF NEW HYMNALS

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

From water to wilderness:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

On stone and in hearts:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lied up:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

**We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,
for where he is, we would be also.**

✦ **HYMN #738**

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's bow has been hung in the clouds—
a unilateral disarmament in spite of our sin.

**God remains faithful to the covenant of steadfast love,
even when we are unfaithful.**

Without fear, then, we confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession.

We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own.

We condone violence,

participate in systems of injustice,

and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others.

Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than

those you set before us.

Teach us your commandments;

help us to turn from evil in its many guises,

and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.

In covenantal love, remember us, we pray,

and be for us, once more and always,

an ark of safety and new life.

[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**

Genesis 9:8-17

+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING Psalm 25:1-10

INTERLUDE

- ✦ **GOSPEL** Mark 1:9-15

SERMON

+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +

- ✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed [page 34]

- ✦ **HYMN #735**

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer [page 35]

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

- ✦ **DOXOLOGY**

- ✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

- ✦ **HYMN #166**

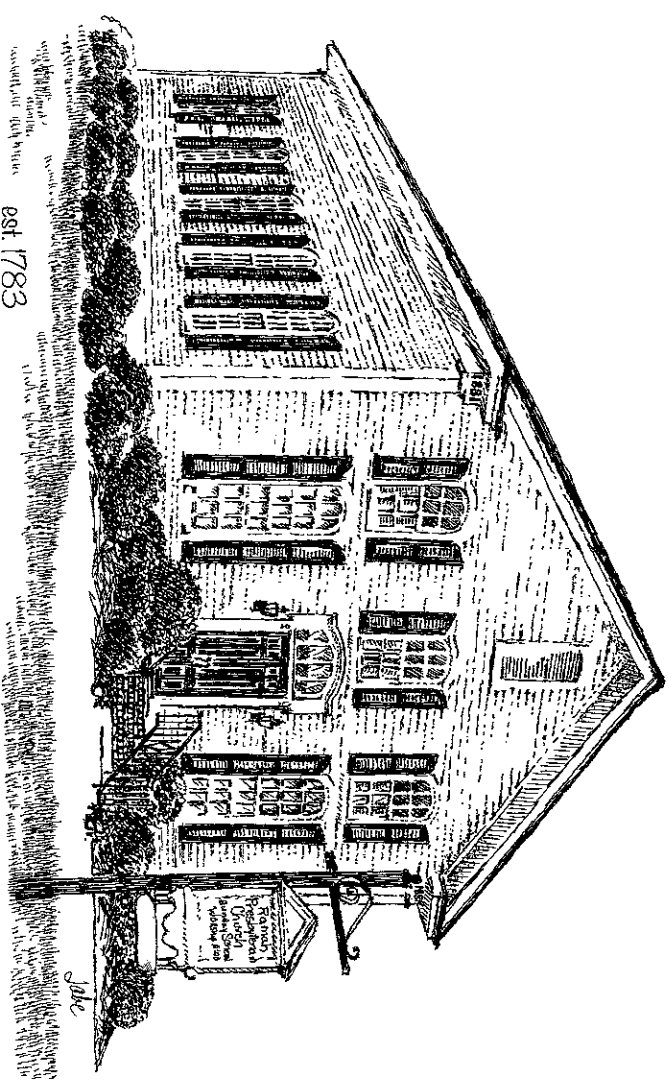
"Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

- ✦ **BENEDICTION**

- ✦ **POSTLUDE**

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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Transfiguration of the Lord

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Greeter: Chelsea Hawkins & Alan Mann

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