

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **PEACE**

PRELUDE

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
**those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Some were sick through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;
they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress;
**he sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from destruction.**

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
**And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with
songs of joy.**

✦ **HYMN #645**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

CALL TO CONFESSION

This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,
**for people loved darkness rather than light
because their deeds were evil.**

Let us uncover our sin before the liberating light of Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess the folly of our sin
and the hypocrisy of our complaints.
We grumble about the evils in our world,
even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit.
We fret about the scarcity of resources
while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor.
We protest the problems of our world,
but we do not actively work to address them.
Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace.
Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways
that we me know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ.
[continue in silence, personal confession]

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

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 #58**

“Glory Be To the Father”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4-9

INTERLUDE

✦ GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

SERMON

+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed [page 34]

✦ HYMN #215

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

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 #634

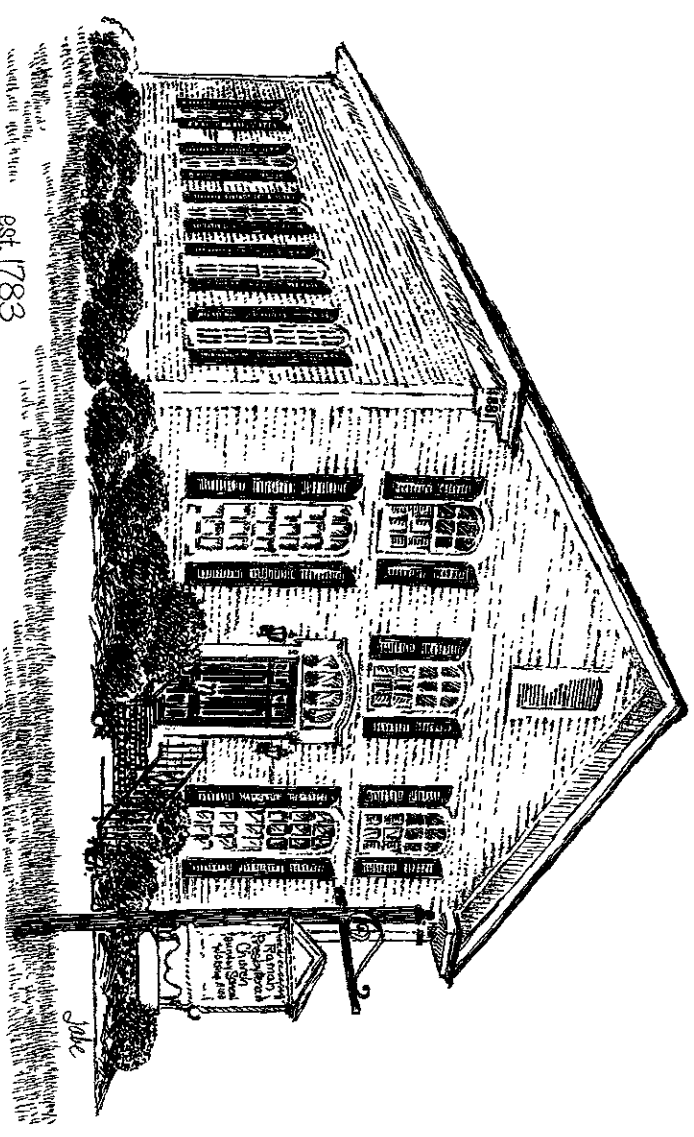
“To God Be the Glory”

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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Acolyte: —