

**+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

✦ **PEACE**

**PRELUDE**

✦ **HYMN #137**

“He Came Down”

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the wilderness, water brings life.

**Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.**

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

**Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

**Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.**

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

**Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.**

✦ **HYMN #482**

“Baptized in Water”

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Trusting in the mercy of God,

**let us confess to God and to one another**

**our failure to love our neighbor.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

[unison]

**God of mercy,**

**we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit.**

**We have not loved others as you have loved us.**

**We have denied the promises of baptism**

**and cut ourselves off from you.**

**Forgive us, restore us,**

**that we may abide in your love**

**and live out your mercy,**

**for the sake of Jesus Christ,**

**in whose name we pray.**

[continue in silence, personal confession]

**HYMN #518**

“Your Only Son (Lamb of God)”

**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**

**+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +**

**HYMN #735**

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

Acts 8:26-40

HYMN #157

“I Danced in the Morning”

✦ GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

HOMILY

+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hymn #481

Apostles' Creed

“I Believe in God the Father”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer [page 35]

God, who makes us one, hear our prayer.

✦ HYMN #450

“Be Thou My Vision”

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

✦ DOXOLOGY #606

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

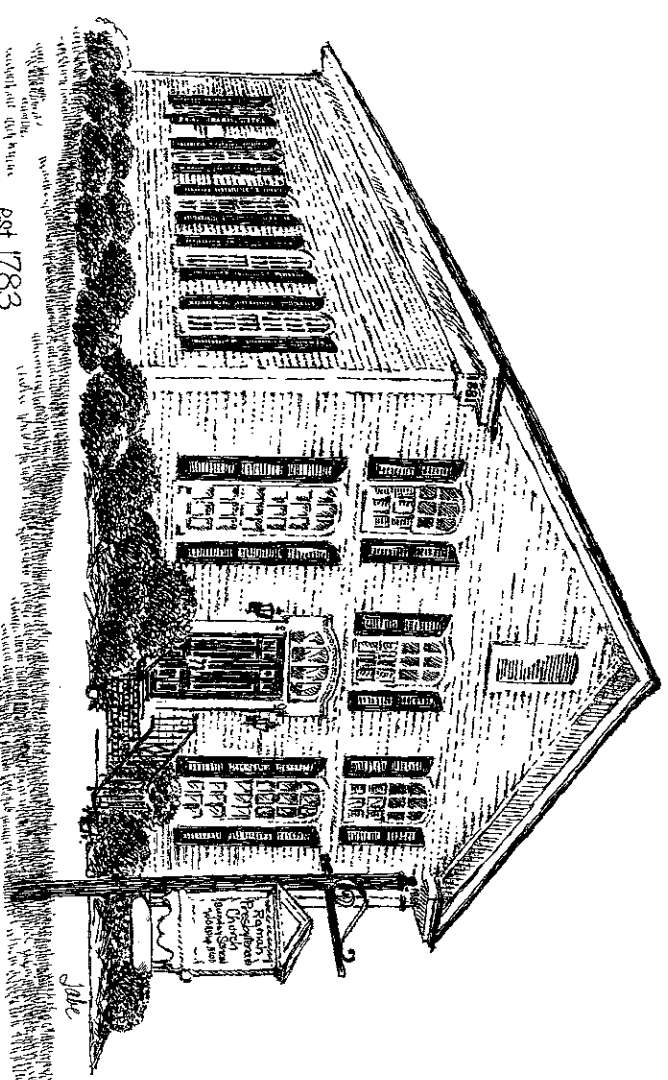
✦ HYMN #462

“I Love to Tell the Story”

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE

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**Sunday, April 29, 2018**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

**Worship Leadership:**

The Reverend Brian Copeland

The Director of Music: Tim Ward

Nursery: Jo Brown & Ann McCarthy

Children's Church: Amy Isaacs

✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE