

**+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

✦ **PEACE**

**PRELUDE**

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Peace be with you.

**How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.**

Receive the Holy Spirit.

**It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.**

✦ **HYMN #321**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
**and the truth is not in us.**

But if we confess our sins,

**God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Trusting in God’s mercy,

**let us confess our sin.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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**You have shown yourself to us, O God,**

**by Word and Spirit,**

**with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood,**

**yet we still struggle to live**

**and believe the good news of Jesus Christ.**

**Have mercy on us; forgive us.**

**Enter into our lives and cast out our fear**

**so that we may come to trust in you and have 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 #581**

“Glory Be To the Father”

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PSALM READING**

Psalm 133:1-3

✦ **HYMN #418**

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

✦ **GOSPEL**

1 John 1:1-2:2

**SERMON**

**+ 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]

Pour out your blessing, O Lord; **send us your Spirit of peace.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

✦ **DOXOLOGY #606**

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

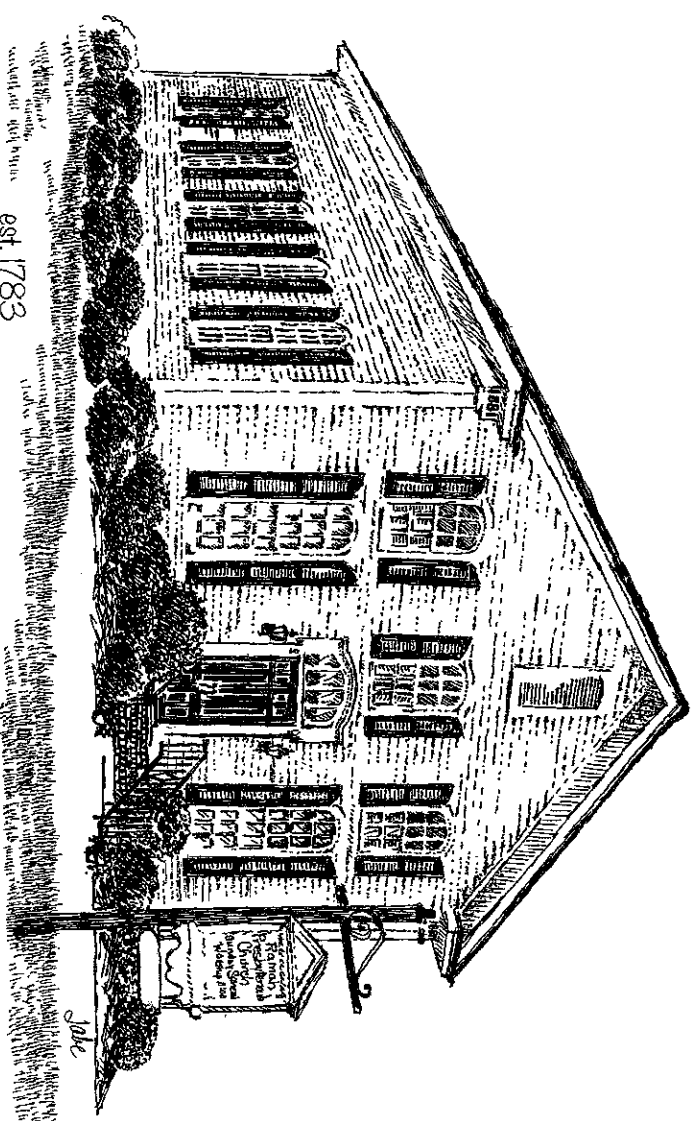
✦ **HYMN #611**

✦ **BENEDICTION**

✦ **POSTLUDE**

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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**Sunday, April 8, 2018**  
**4th Sunday in Lent**

**Worship Leadership:**  
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