

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **PEACE**

PRELUDE

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Exodus 3:7-8a, 10, 12

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters.

Indeed, I know their sufferings,

and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians.

So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

He said, "I will be with you;

and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you:

when you have brought the people out of Egypt,

you shall worship God on this mountain."

✦ **HYMN #81**

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we gather to worship God,

we remember that we are God's people,

but we have often preferred our way instead of God's.

Trusting God's power to make us new persons in Christ,

let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Holy God, the parable of the mustard seed

teaches us that a little faith can produce great work in your kingdom.

Yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness,

for we walk by sight and not by faith.

Forgive us, Lord;

we do not uphold the poor or the oppressed.

We do not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless.

We do not sacrifice ourselves for the needs of our neighbors.

Renew us with the love of Christ so that we live no longer for ourselves,

but for Christ who became the seed of your

righteousness in us.

[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

FIRST READING

Amos 5:18-24

INTERLUDE

SECOND READING

Mark 14:12-25

SERMON

+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Nicene Creed [page 34]

✦ **HYMN #716** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

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 +

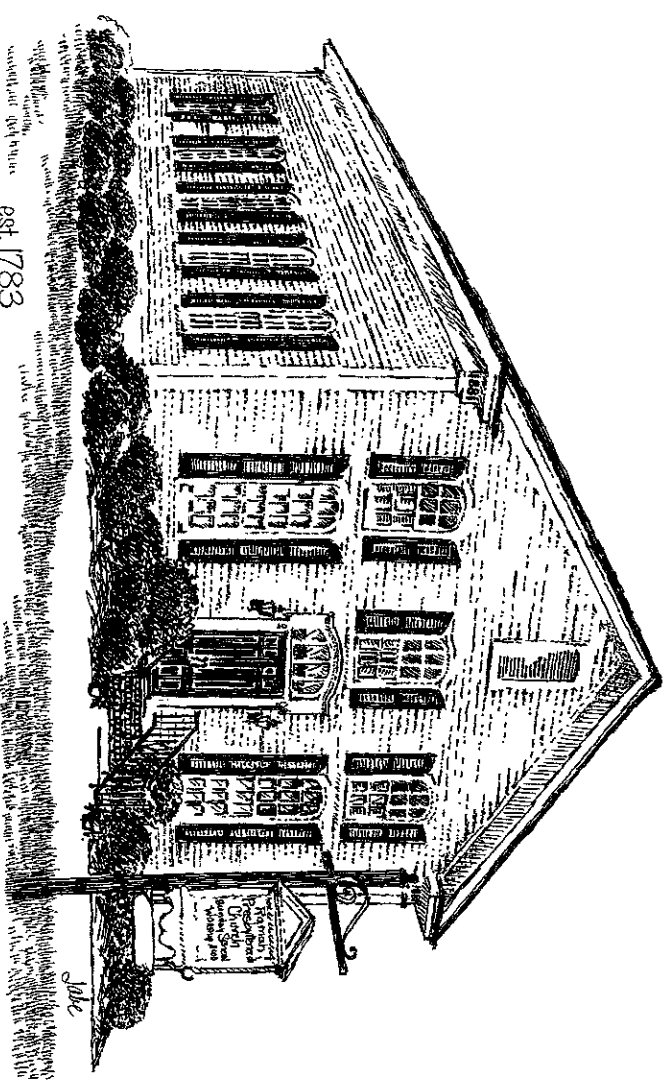
✦ **HYMN #757** “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

✦ **BENEDICTION**

✦ **POSTLUDE**

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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