

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **PEACE**

PRELUDE

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come into the presence of the Most High God
with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.

For our Savior frees us from slavery;

our Savior heals our diseases; our Savior is our peace.

You are a holy temple in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Come; let us worship God.

✦ **HYMN #413**

“Come into God’s Presence”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even our best intentions go awry

when we are not at one with God’s purpose.

Our gracious God journeys with us and provides for us

with unending mercy, patience, and kindness

so that when we repent, we find ourselves forgiven.

Let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever.

We confess that we act as if we are in control

as if you will bless whatever we do.

If we think of others at all,

it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us.

If we consider your creation,

it is to ponder what benefits us.

We have failed to show your love

or to do justice in obedience to you.

Have mercy on us, God of grace.

Forgive our sins, we humbly pray.

Use us to break down walls of hostility

within the church, among the nations,

and around the world.

Equip us to do your will,

giving you glory, honor, and praise

together with the Son and the Holy Spirit,

one God forever and ever.

[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

✦ **HYMN # 794**

“O Savior, in This Quiet Place”

[note: verses 5 & 6 are printed below the hymn]

+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

✦ **GOSPEL READING**

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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]

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

- ✦ **DOXOLOGY #606**

- ✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

- ✦ **HYMN #320**

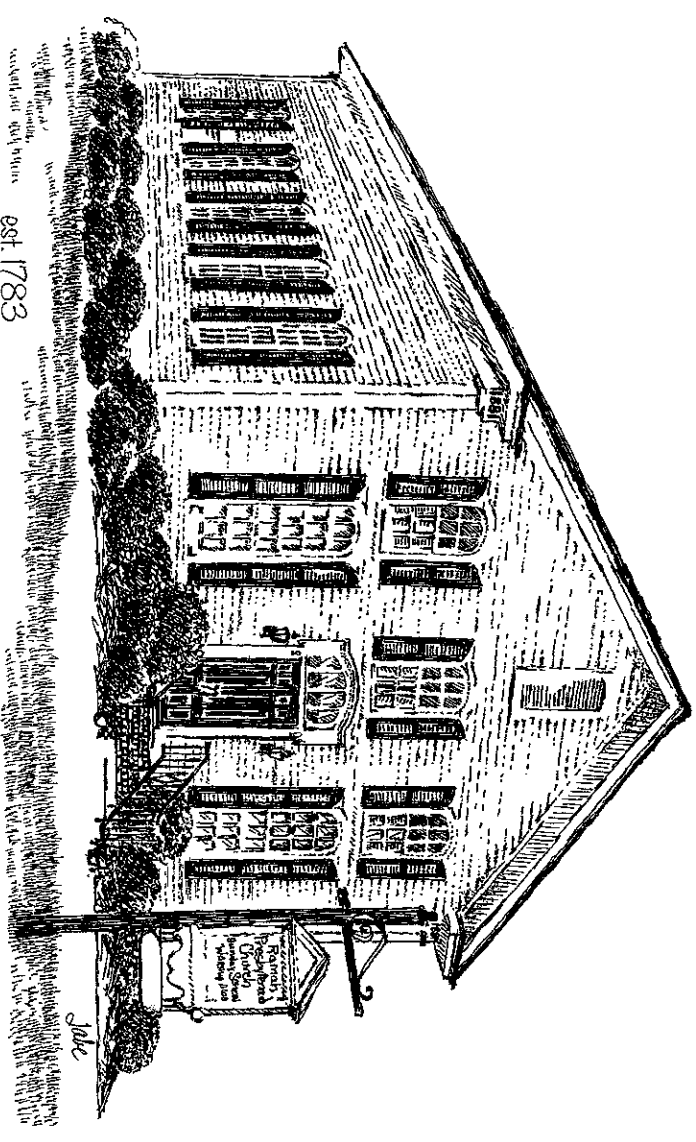
"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

- ✦ **BENEDICTION**

- ✦ **POSTLUDE**

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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Sunday, July 22, 2018
9th Sunday after Pentecost

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The Reverend Brian Copeland
The Director of Music: Tim Ward
Nursery: Jo Brown & Ann McCarthy
Children's Church: Kim Bradford