

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ PEACE

PRELUDE

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Galatians 6:7-10 The Message

Don't be misled:

**No one makes a fool of God.**

What a person plants,  
he will harvest.

The person who plants selfishness,  
ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!

—harvests a crop of weeds.

**All he'll have to show for his life is weeds!**

But the one who plants in response to God,  
letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him,  
harvests a crop of real life, eternal life.

So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good.

**At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit.**

Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance,  
let us work for the benefit of all,  
starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.

✦ HYMN #36

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Threats to life pierce us and cause us to doubt God's love.

**But God shows his love for us**

**in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.**

**Let us confess our sins and receive new life.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Three, Holy One, triune God,  
we confess that we do not believe  
that you have overcome sin and death.

We are more in touch with the pangs of our weakness  
than we are with the power of your love.

In fear, we worship idols;

in despair, we collapse in hopelessness;

in rage, we seek to dominate others.

O God of David, forgive us.

O Son of David, have mercy on us.

O Spirit of the Living God, grant us peace.

Send us out with the good news:

nothing can withstand the victory

of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

[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 #738

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

✦ GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-40

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 #227

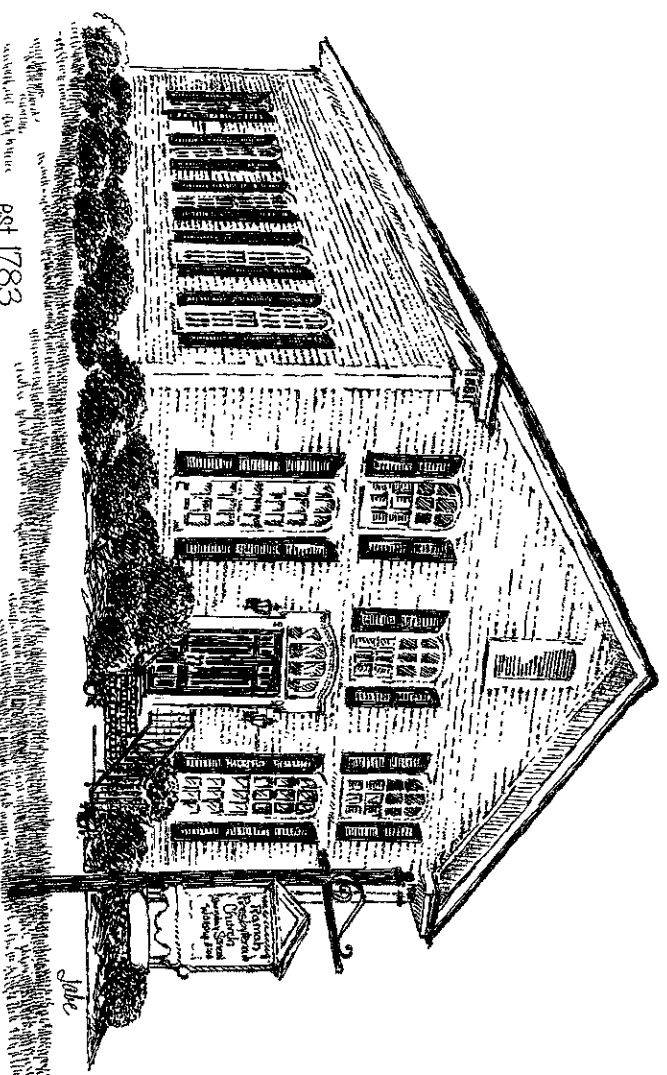
"Jesus, Remember Me"

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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**7th Sunday after Pentecost**

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