

**+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

✦ **PEACE**

**PRELUDE**

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Look at the heavens!

They are shouting the glory of God.

**The days and the nights declare the magnificence of  
God's creative works.**

**Their voice goes through all the earth  
and their words reach the ends of the world.**

Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

**Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!**

✦ **HYMN #20**

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us use our voices to declare those things we have said

and done that have separated us from God,

**and from each other,**

**that we may experience God's mercy and receive God's forgiveness.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You have called us, O God,

and we have refused to listen;

you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it.

We have taken what you have given us

and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you.

We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom.

Forgive our inability to recognize you

and live out the reality of your gospel.

Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives

so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God

in the lives of others.

[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 #216**

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

**+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL**

Mark 8:27-38

**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 #231**

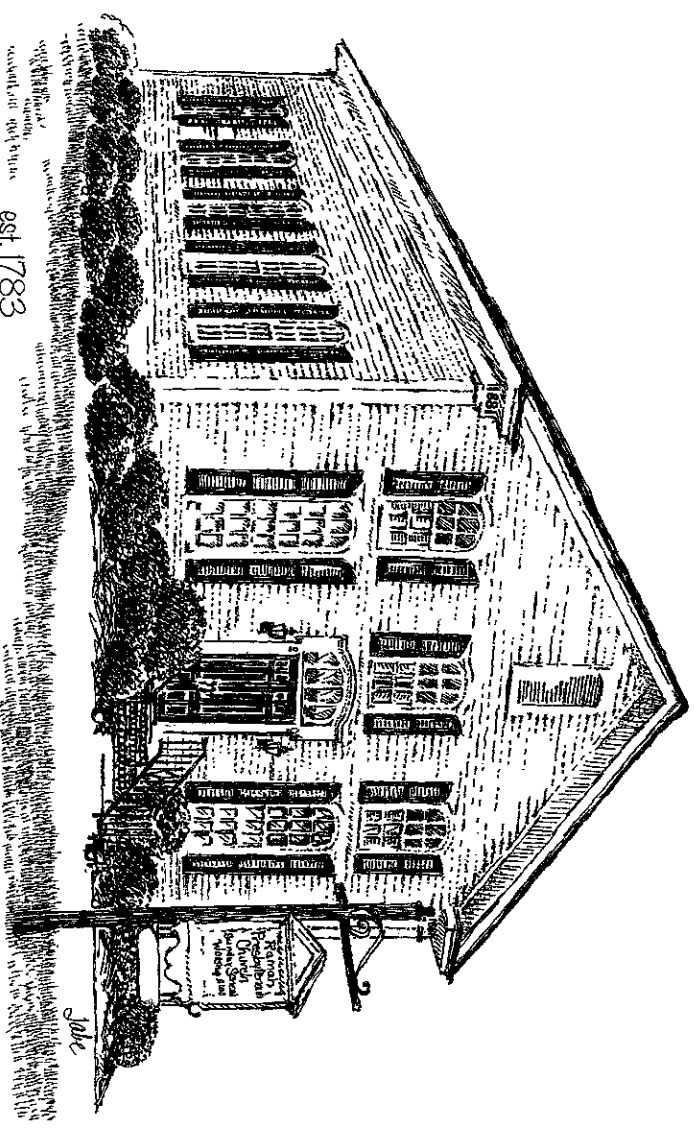
"Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

✦ **BENEDICTION**

✦ **POSTLUDE**

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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**Sunday, September 16, 2018**  
**17th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Worship Leadership:**

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The Director of Music: Tim Ward

Guest Preacher: Nicole Newton

Nursery: Jo Brown & Ann McCarthy