

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **PEACE**

PRELUDE

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favor is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

for the LORD pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

✦ **HYMN #63**

“The Lord is God”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins
to the Lord who surrounds us with favor forevermore.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of favor, we have not been true to you.
You have chosen the poor in the world,
but we have dishonored them.
You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we crush them.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have favored the rich and despised the poor.

We have dismissed the needy with empty words.

Soften our hearts and make straight our ways.

Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you.
[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 #848**

“Trust in God (Psalm 125)”

+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

James 2:1-17

INTERLUDE

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 #295

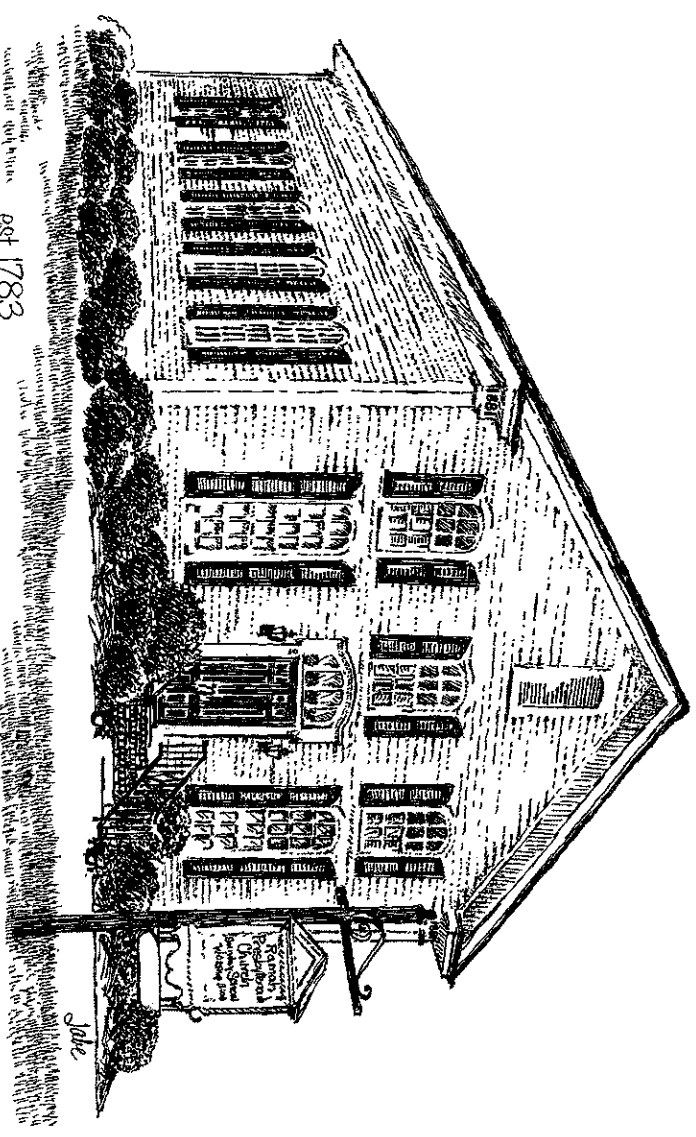
"Go to the World"

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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