

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **PEACE**

PRELUDE

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Luke 6:20-26

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation,

"Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you,

for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

✦ **HYMN #172**

"Blest Are They"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Because of such great mercy,

God is ready to forgive all the ways we fail to live in faithfulness.

Relying on that mercy,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Trusting you does not always come easy when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world.
We do not believe that love conquers fear.

We are not convinced that power comes through weakness.

We cannot conceive how you could heal us.

Forgive our lack of faith, O God,

and renew our trust in you, for we would be disciples of Jesus.

[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 #396**

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:16-21

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 #726**

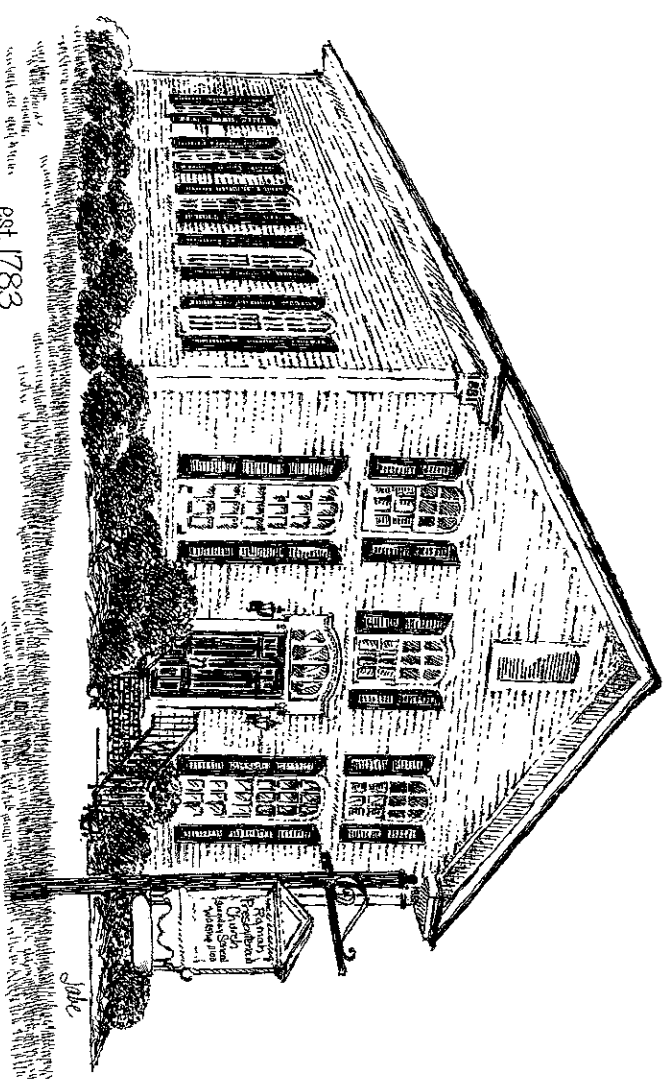
"Will You Come and Follow Me" (The Summons)

✦ **BENEDICTION**

✦ **POSTLUDE**

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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