

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Lord, we gather as a community of brothers, sisters, and siblings
to proclaim your love and to share in the good news
of your promised truth.

Christ around us; Christ beside us; Christ within us.
Awaken us to this new day with bold invigoration,
as we enjoy the harmony of being together
and remember the privilege of being your ministers.

✦ **HYMN #667**

“When Morning Glids the Skies”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess our sin before you. Hear our prayer.
We grow comfortable in the ways things are in our lives,
in the church, and in the world.

We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ.
We know that building silos that shut others out
is not what you want, but we build them anyway.
We know that ignoring the things that call for faithful response
is not what you want, but we ignore them anyway.
We know that allowing fear to lead us rather than courage

is not what you want, but we let fear lead us anyway.

In your great wisdom and mercy,
empower us to rearrange our lives so that we can better
reflect your call to us to be the body of Christ.

Forgive us for doubting your abiding love and your promise
to shelter us in your loving arms.

Help us embrace your promise that we can do all things through you.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The good news in Christ is what when we face ourselves and God
with the awareness of our need and our desire to change,
we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✦ **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

✦ **GLORIA PATRI #581**

“Glory Be To the Father”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

✦ **HYMN #201**

“A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar”

+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 146

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:29-39

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 +

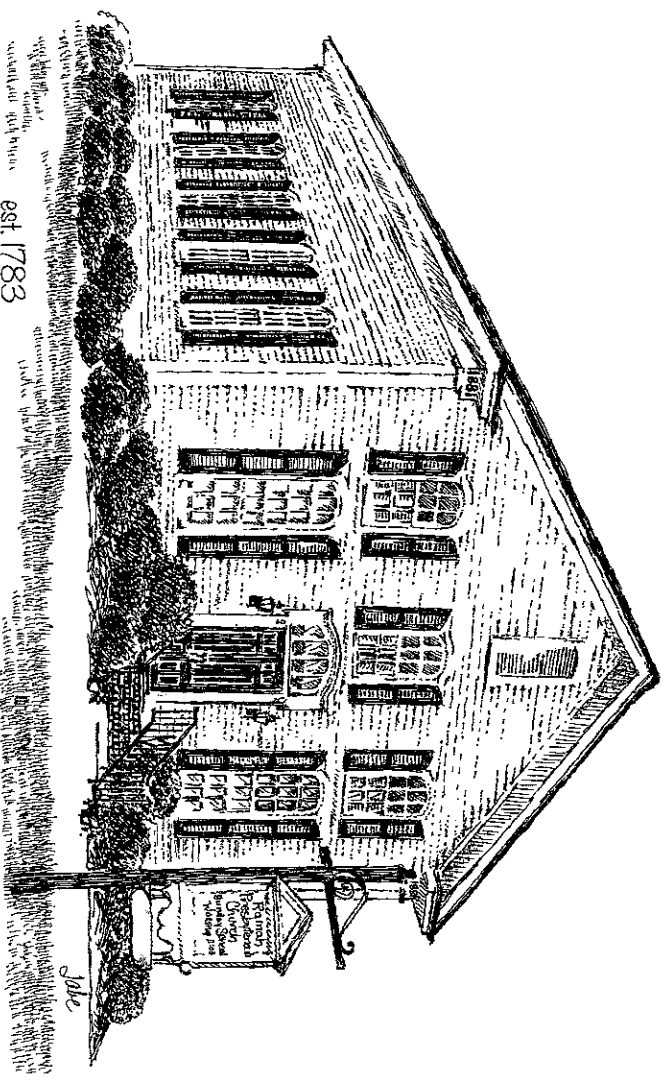
- ✦ **HYMN #250** "In the Bulb There is a Flower" (Hymn of Promise)

- ✦ **BENEDICTION**

- ✦ **POSTLUDE**

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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Sunday, September 23, 2018
18th Sunday after Pentecost

Homecoming

Worship Leadership:

The Reverend Brian Copeland
The Director of Music: Tim Ward
Guest Preacher: Jeremy Cannada
Children's Church: Kim Bradford