

Prelude

Let us turn our hearts and minds to a time of silent reflection and prayer.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

ONE: We gather here today to praise God for His mighty acts in our lives.

ALL: There are many people who do not believe in God’s presence.

ONE: We are called to learn of God’s love and power.

ALL: We are called to proclaim God’s transforming love to all people.

ONE: Let us worship God who is with us now and forever.

ALL: Let us open our hearts, souls, and spirits to hear God’s word. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

Pilgrim Hymnal # 23

“Ye Holy Angels Bright”

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Lord, we want to follow you wherever you lead. Reach out to us this day, stirring our souls and spirits with the winds of your power that we may faithfully be your disciples. We confess that there are times when we are hesitant in our commitment to you. We want good things to happen. We just aren’t sure that we are up to the tasks you set before us. Lift us up from lives of self-pity and self-centeredness, and bring us to you with hearts filled with joy, empowering us when we have the opportunities to witness to your love in our service to your people. Amen.

Anthem

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 119:129-135 (NLT)

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:43-48 (NLT)

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

Sermon

Rev. William Kren

“The Sting of Rejection”

Hymn of Reflection

Pilgrim Hymnal # 341

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral Response

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn of Going Forth

Pilgrim Hymnal # 481

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Make Us One”

Make us one Lord, make us one
Holy Spirit, make us one
Let our love flow, so the world will know
We are one in you, we are one in you.

*Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.