

## Prelude

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

## Welcome and Announcements

## Introit

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

ONE: Our relationships with our fathers are complicated.

**ALL: For some of us, our father's love is like God's love -- too deep, too long, too wide, too strong to measure.**

ONE: Some of our dads are here; some were never here.

**ALL: For some of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.**

ONE: All of us are shaped by the relationship or lack of relationship with our fathers.

**ALL: On this day when we remember what it means to have a father or be a father, we recognize the importance of fathers in our communities. We pledge as a congregation to love and nurture the fathers among us so that they will manifest the love of God in all that they do.**

## \*Hymn of Praise

"This Is My Father's World"

Pilgrim Hymnal # 485

## \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Loving God, you are our Heavenly Father and we thank you that you have shown us how important it is to follow your example as we grow in faith. Teach us to be obedient to your will, respecting you as children ought. Thank you for your mercy despite our disobedience. Strengthen us to stand up against the challenges of this world, honoring your name and trusting your grace. In the Name of your Son, we pray. Amen.

## Anthem

## Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 6: 6-9 and Joshua 1:9

## Gospel Lesson

John 14: 12-17

## \*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

"Parental Partnership"

Rev. William Kren

## Hymn of Reflection

"Faith of Our Fathers"

Pilgrim Hymnal # 365

## 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

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Pilgrim Hymnal # 64

## \*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.