

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: God of great mercy and love, we come to you this day for worship and to seek restoration of our sight.

People: Once we lived in darkness. Now the light of God shines upon us.

Leader: Together, we want to find what is pleasing to God and follow God's ways.

People: The acts of darkness are left behind - as we journey to God's light.

Leader: Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

**ALL: Open our eyes and our hearts - to receive your light of salvation.
Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Celebration Hymnal # 431

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (Unison Reading)

Healing God, there are times when we have languished in our blindness. We have chosen to hide in darkness - to avoid reaching out and risking acceptance. We are afraid of the light, and yet we crave it. Your holy light brings healing and hope, restoration and transformation. Forgive us for our lack of faith and our fearfulness, O Lord. Give us the courage to reach out to the light and accept its healing rays. May our worship, this morning, bring You glory and bring us transformation - by your mercy and grace! For we pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Malachi 2:5-7 (NLT)

New Testament Lesson

2 Timothy 2:22-26 (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.

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.

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

Sermon

"Off Work – It's the Fourth!"

Rev. William Kren

Hymn of Preparation

"There Is a Fountain"

Celebration Hymnal # 336

Service of Communion

Uniting in Covenant

Sharing of the Bread

Sharing of the Cup

*Hymn of Going Forth

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Celebration Hymnal # 676

*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.