

## 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 this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.

**ALL: May God continue to bless His Church in this land.**

ONE: We draw near to the God who rules over all nations

**ALL: May God continue to bless our country and all the countries in the world.**

ONE: We seek to live in harmony and peace together with all peoples on the earth.

**ALL: May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us understand that it begins in our hearts. Come, let us worship the Lord!**

\*Hymn of Praise New Century Hymnal # 594  
 "How Beautiful, for Spacious Skies"

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (Unison Reading)  
 God of freedom and miracles, we wait for your voice and direction this morning. We are so busy with the holiday celebrations and gatherings, yet the reports of anguish arise around us. News of tragedy and war blare at us from all directions. Hear our cries, O Lord. Come and comfort and heal our wounds. Open our hearts this day that we might become people who bring peace and hope to those in despair. For we ask these things in the name of the master healer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 25: 8-10

Gospel Lesson Luke 6: 32-36

## \*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.*

## 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

## Sermon

Rev. William Kren

"One Great Nation – Under God"

## Hymn of Preparation

New Century Hymnal # 224

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

## Service of Communion

Uniting in Covenant  
 Sharing of the Bread  
 Sharing of the Cup

## \*Hymn of Going Forth

New Century Hymnal # 539

"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

## \*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.