

## Prelude

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

## Welcome and Announcements

## Introit

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

ONE: In the bountiful creation around us:

**ALL: The midnight skies tell of God's glory, the midday sun displays holy handiwork.**

ONE: Each new day speaks God's language, and night after night knows more than it can tell.

**ALL: Yet it is the cross of Jesus where God speaks most profoundly.**

ONE: The talk of the cross sounds absurd to those who think they are sophisticated,

**ALL: But for us who are being saved, it is the power of God.**

ONE: Let the way we speak and the way we think be acceptable in your sight

**ALL: O God our strength and our redeemer.**

## \*Hymn of Praise

New Century Hymnal # 189

"Down at the Cross"

## \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Heavenly Father, this morning we pray for those who are battling doubts, who are filled with fear, who wonder whether you exist and whether you are listening to our prayers, who wonder what this whole Christian community is about. We pray for people who doubt the purpose of life, who wonder whether to end it all, who face feelings of meaningless and despair. Even when we have that sinking feeling, give us the wisdom to turn to you. Lord, we want to believe, help our unbelief! Give us faith, small as a mustard seed, so that we can be your faithful people, believing in your power to save, believing in your power to heal, believing in your power to reign supreme, believing that we can share this good news with everyone we meet. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 53:1-6

## Gospel Lesson

John 8:31-36

## \*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.

## Sermon

Rev. William Kren

"Advertising Our Christian Faith"

## Hymn of Reflection

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"O Mighty Cross"

## 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

New Century Hymnal # 403

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

## \*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.