

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

ONE: It is by God’s grace that we gather for worship.

ALL: And it is by God’s grace that our lives are changed.

ONE: We are counting on the active and amazing grace of God today.

ALL: By your Holy Spirit, enliven our worship.

ONE: Help us by our actions to be faithful followers of Jesus.

ALL: For this, we give you thanks and praise.

*Hymn of Praise

Pilgrim Hymnal # 363

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Creator God, we pray to you this day and thank you for giving us tools to find you more fully in our lives. We sing, chant, read, meditate, pray, fast, keep silent—and we find you in our worship. We confess that we turn to you when we need more than what life gives us. When we have a hard time coping with life at any age, we then seek your face and your wisdom. Be with us this day. Know our hearts. Listen to our silent prayers. Show us your light. We come seeking you in this worship. Bless us with your presence and your power. We pray through your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 18:29-31

New Testament Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:2-8

*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

“Why the Bad Things?”

Rev. William Kren

Hymn of Reflection

“Jesus Call Us O’er the Tumult”

Pilgrim Hymnal # 322

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.

Musical 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

“Be Thou My Vision”

Pilgrim Hymnal # 391

*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.