

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Great is our God, says the psalmist.

ALL: And greatly to be praised!

ONE: For God has stretched the heavens above us

ALL: And filled the earth with every good thing.

ONE: We live and move and have our being in God,

ALL: And in God is our everlasting hope!

ONE: Let us praise and worship God.

*Hymn of Praise

Celebration Hymnal # 21

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Creator God we 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, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 1:18/ Matthew 6:14-15, 18:35

New Testament Lesson

Mark 11:25, Colossians 3:13

Gospel Lesson

James 2:13

*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

“Freedom and Forgiveness”

Rev. Cheryl Schalm

Hymn of Reflection

Celebration Hymnal # 639

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

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

Celebration Hymnal # 750

“Peace like a River”

*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.

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Matthew 6:14-15 and 18:35

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Mark 11:25

"Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."

Colossians 3:13

Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

James 2:13

For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.