

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 are here to worship the Lord! Love Him with all of your heart, your mind and your soul.

ALL: We will want to love God with an intensity - that the very mention of God's name will be precious as we cleave to our time of communion with the sacred.

ONE: Love your neighbor as yourself.

ALL: We will respect the wisdom of our elders. We will protect the lives and the reputations of those around us. We will cherish the relationships entrusted to us. We will not take what is not ours. We will learn the value of enough.

ONE: Love the Lord your God.

ALL: Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

Celebration Hymnal # 90

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

We acknowledge you, O God, as creator and as liberator. You are the One who brought the captives out of Egypt and delivered them from the oppression of slavery. You gave laws which shaped how people were to relate to you, to each other and to the whole environment. You implored people to worship only you, knowing that whatever was put in your place would become the object of idolatry — would become the priority of people's lives. In this time of worship, help us to focus on you, O God, as the priority of our lives. Remind us of your steadfast love revealed so clearly in the new commandment of love which Jesus disclosed with his life and with his death. Speak to us anew as we offer this prayer and our worship - in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

Anthem

Old Testament Lesson

1 Chronicles 16

New Testament Lesson

1 Peter 4-6

*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

“God in the Darkness”

Rev. William Kren

Hymn of Reflection

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Celebration Hymnal # 431

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

“He Hideth My Soul”

Celebration Hymnal # 611

*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.