

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: *"Light of Christ, awaken us this hour to the glory of Your presence!"*

ALL: Shine among us in such a way that the darkness without and within may be pushed back.

ONE: *"Help us to recognize sin for what it is."*

ALL: Enable us to behold the world You created it be, as You created us to be.

ONE: *"Empower us to move from darkness to light, from sin to new life."*

**ALL: May Your light within us shine through into worship this day.
This we pray in the name of the Word made flesh, the light which
is the light of all people. Jesus the Christ.**

*Hymn of Praise "A Might Fortress" Celebration Hymnal # 151

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Lord of life, of love, of peace, of time itself, we stand in awe of Your eternal presence and resurrection power. We open our lives, once again, to Your involvement. Come, Lord Jesus. As You sit in heaven, be seated here on the throne of our hearts. Forgive us our sin, and enter in. Amen.

Anthem

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 40:13-17 (NLT)

New Testament Lesson Romans 5:12-17 (NLT)

*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.

Sermon "Staying Alive in a Battered World!" Rev. Bill Kren

Hymn of Reflection "Day by Day" Celebration Hymnal # 718

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 "Lord Speak to Me" Celebration Hymnal # 667

*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.

Psalm 40:13-17 (NLT) ¹³Please, LORD, rescue me! Come quickly, LORD, and help me. ¹⁴ May those who try to destroy me be humiliated and put to shame. May those who take delight in my trouble be turned back in disgrace. ¹⁵ Let them be horrified by their shame, for they said, “Aha! We’ve got him now!” ¹⁶ But may all who search for you be filled with joy and gladness in you. May those who love your salvation repeatedly shout, “The LORD is great!” ¹⁷ As for me, since I am poor and needy, let the Lord keep me in his thoughts. You are my helper and my savior. O my God, do not delay.

Romans 5:12-17 (NLT) ¹² When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. ¹³ Yes, people sinned even before the law was given. But it was not counted as sin because there was not yet any law to break. ¹⁴ Still, everyone died—from the time of Adam to the time of Moses—even those who did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did. Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come. ¹⁵ But there is a great difference between Adam’s sin and God’s gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁶ And the result of God’s gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man’s sin. For Adam’s sin led to condemnation, but God’s free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins. ¹⁷ For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

Reader: This is the word for God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

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1. IN THE WORLD (Romans 5:12)

2. ABOVE THE WORLD (Romans 5:15)

3. FOR THE WORLD (Romans 5:17)

Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your law.