

GATHERING

GREETING

PRELUDE

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (arr. Gerald Near)

PRAYER

▲ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (Hymn No. 645)

MIT FREUDEN ZART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
We confess that we have sinned;
We have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done;
and apart from your grace,
there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

(Silence is held)

CHORAL RESPONSE

*O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.
“Come, home, come home!
You who are weary, come home.”
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling,
“O sinner, come home!”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ SHARING OF PEACE

WORD

▲ GATHERING SONG

"He Came Down" (Hymn No. 137)

*1. He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love,
Hallelujah, forevermore.*

2. He came down that we may have light...

CHILDREN'S SERMON + BLESSING

REFRAIN

"Listen to the Word that God has Spoken" (Hymn No. 455)

LISTEN

Sung 2X

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: JONAH 3:1-5, 10

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

▲ REFRAIN

"Listen to the Word that God has Spoken" (Hymn No. 455)

LISTEN

▲ GOSPEL READING: MARK 1:14-20

SERMON

The Rev. Paul Ytterrock

OUR RESPONSE

▲ HYMN

"You Walk along Our Shoreline" (Hymn No. 170)

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▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING + CHORAL ANTHEM

"Be Still" (Mary McDonald)

*Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am with you.
Be still and know that I will comfort you
when you come to Me in your hour of need.*

*Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am here for you;
and I will wipe your tears;
you will be renewed.*

*Come unto Me, My child, be still,
and know that I will give you rest,
I am present in your pain
and I always will remain
your Comforter and Friend.*

*My peace I leave with you;
My peace I give unto you.
Peace. Peace. Peace.*

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DEPARTING

▲ HYMN

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” (Hymn No. 724)

ANGEL'S STORY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

▲ CHORAL BENEDICTION

“The Star of Bethlehem” (Ethan McGrath)

*And may the radiance of one star, so beautiful and true,
make bright the path you tread afar the whole year through.
And may the star of Bethlehem give light to all you love,
and bring to all of you, with them, a blessing from above. Amen.*

▲ CHARGE

▲ POSTLUDE

“Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir” (Johann Pachelbel)

