Gathering Around the Word

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing, sing of God's unalterable love!
All: We will rejoice as we walk in the light of our God.
Leader: Tell everyone around you of God's faithfulness.
All: We will share the stories of the One who experienced our life in all its fullness.
Leader: Shout out loud of God's presence with us, on this day and in all the days to come.
All: Justice and goodness are God's gifts to us; truth and love walk by our side.

*HYMN 744 “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

By God's grace, we are set free, yet we are bossed around by our faults, our poor choices, the hurts we cause to others. Let us join in offering our confessions to the One who welcomes each of us with forgiveness and hope.

CONFESSION

Patient Lord, we want to extend the hand of welcome and friendship to all whom we meet, but you know that sometimes we shy away from reaching out. We make judgments about others based on their appearance and other surface factors, and we neglect your mandate to be a welcoming presence.

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That lack of welcome extends further when we see needs that must be addressed and choose to turn our backs. We turn away from the pain and suffering, protecting our own lives. Yet you remind us that as we welcome others, so we are also welcoming you. Heal us and give us strength and courage to always be welcoming others in your name. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Broken, we are made whole; thirsty, we are filled with living water; longing for a renewed relationship with God, we are welcomed with open arms by the One who forgives us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE
Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!
People: And also with you! Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT
“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING
Psalm 13
Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God.

SERMON SCRIPTURE
Matthew 10:37-42
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Carrying the Cross” Molly Morris

*HYMN 301 “Let Us Build a House Where Love can Dwell”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles’ Creed, gtd 35)
Sharing the Word with the World

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Let us conclude this time with the prayer, taught to us by your Son, saying.....

....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.

*HYMN 749 “Come! Live in the Light!”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Rev. Kathleen Crighton, Minister FPCNO

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