

We Gather to Worship God

As we enter this space, let us center our hearts and minds on worshipping God.
May God silence in us every voice but God's own.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lenten Reading

*Call to Worship

Psalm 32

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven,
And in whose spirit, there is no deceit.

**Therefore, let all who are faithful offer
Prayer to the God of deliverance.**

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go,
As you trust in the Lord.

**Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous;
Shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 410

"God Is Calling Through the Whisper"

Prayer

God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving. Before the brightness of your presence the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love we acclaim your glory and sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen

Call to Confession

We come to a time to consider how far we have wandered from God. Have we turned from responsibility to seek petty pleasures and self-gratification? Or do we consider ourselves above blame, looking down on those others mired in the pigpens of life? Wherever we are, whoever we may be, there is much to confess.

Confession

O God, our Rock and Redeemer, hear our confession. We worship idols of our own making; when temptation overtakes us we submit to its charm. We find it easier to grumble at hardships than to praise you for mercies we receive day by day. We test you in every way. Yet you promise that you will not test us beyond our endurance. Forgive us when we take advantage of your loving nature, and restore us to

communion with you. (a time of reflection and pertinence)
Let God's people say, **Amen**

Take, O Take Me as I Am
Assurance of Pardon

God is faithful, and will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing will provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. Christ is the foundation of our salvation; therein lies assurance that we are forgiven of sin. Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Time With Our Young Disciples

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Morning Message

"Who is the Prodigal?"

Jim Musgrave

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles Creed

**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.**

*Hymn 643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, from whom all blessings flow, may you find us ever-thankful for the abundance of your gifts. Accept this offering as a sign of our thanks and praise. May they serve to strengthen our commitment to know, love, and serve you this and every day. Amen.

*Hymn 774

“There Is Now a New Creation”

*Commission and Blessing

Stay near to God in the week ahead, be faithful in your times of prayer. Live as ambassadors of Jesus Christ every day; rejoice when a sister or brother returns home to God. We have been reconciled to God and one another through Jesus Christ; God’s love and compassion will be with us always.

Now, may grace mercy and peace from God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be yours now and forever. Amen.

Postlude