

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

As the voluntary begins, let the time and the music help to center you for worship.

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Andrew Frazier

FAITH IN ACTION

Habitat House of Faith

Don Redding

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Christ is our light as we wander in wilderness.

All: Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

One: Christ bore the cross of suffering and death.

All: Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

One: Christ is the water alive with new breath.

All: Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

One: Prepare us, O Lord God. Lead us on the way.

All: We live in hope until Easter Day.

* HYMN 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, at times when we hear the bad news of the world, it is as though we've been in the middle of a bad dream, and then we turn over and go back to sleep, ignoring the plight of your children. We confess it is hard to see tragedy and suffering; it is hard to admit whatever responsibility we might have in the plagues of the world; it is hard to work for the good when the good seems so far off. So help us, dear Lord. Give us courage to see clearly. Give us strength to do our part. Give us grace to forgive others and ourselves. And give us faith to follow you...

SILENT CONFESSON

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

KYRIE ELEISON

SILENT CONFESSON

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

This is Stanza 1 of Hymn 444, *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*.

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 8:26–39

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 2:11–20

The grass withers; the flower fades—
the word of our God endures forever.

SERMON

Rev. Mares

RESPONDING

* HYMN 493

Now There Is No Male or Female

OMNI DIE

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

See Communion Card

SENDING

* HYMN 157

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

* CLOSING SENTENCES AND BENEDICTION

God of love and mercy, bless us on our Lenten journey. By your light,
call us to faithful following.

By your word,
call us to attentive listening.

By your cross,
call us to sacrificial obedience.
By your Holy Spirit,
call us to repentance, joy, and service. Amen.

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

*** CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type.
Large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.