

Prelude

Welcome

Entry of the Bible (*please stand if you are able*)

Call to Worship:

Come, let us worship the Lord together!

**God has guided our steps to this place.**

This is the day that the Lord has made

**We will rejoice and be glad in it**

Thanks be to God for this day

**Let us worship God!**

**Hymn # 444 – Sweet is the solemn voice**

Prayer of Approach

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**O Lord, I confess my disappointment.**

**I want victory and peace,  
but you lead me to my cross.**

**I make common mistakes  
and scorn your uncommon love.**

**Teach me to follow you,  
and trust in the wisdom of the Gospel  
that Love may conquer all.**

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

**“Passing of the Peace” ~ a time to welcome each other**

**Children’s Hymn # 639 – We are marching (sung 2x)**

Children’s Time and Prayer

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 45:1-8 *pp.* 1089

Psalms 122 **(responsive)** *pp.* 926

Apocryphal reading: 1 Maccabees 1:1-15 *pp.* ~

Romans 2:17-29 *pp.* 1674

Sermon: “The return from exile: A triumph?”

**Hymn # 682 – Just as I am, without one plea**

Collection of Offering

**Doxology Hymn #79**

Offering Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

**Hymn # 730 – Oh for a world where everyone**

Benediction

Postlude