

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God! (Those who are able may stand.)

With what shall we come before the Lord?

Shall we bring burnt offerings or calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams? Or ten thousand rivers of oil?

Mortals, God has shown us what is good. What does the Lord require?

To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Holy God, you challenge the ruling powers of this world

and show favor to the lowly. Make us hunger and thirst for righteousness,

and keep us steady in seeking peace, that we may be your faithful children

and know the blessedness of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the One who made us and redeemed us.

Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Surprising God, You have made foolish the wisdom of the world,

teaching that the meek shall inherit the earth and heaven belongs to those who suffer for the sake of justice. But we cling to the values of this world, things that enhance our status but cheat our souls. We seek comfort in simple answers and easy outs. We disregard the marginalized and mock weakness, forgetting that Christ lifted up the lowly and made a home among the vulnerable.

God of blessing, reorient our hearts, and renew our minds, so that we might act with justice, practice kindness, and - in all things - walk humbly with you. Amen.

Kyrie

James MacMillan

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the Good News: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

*The Peace

Since God in Christ has forgiven us,

let us also forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTERLUDE

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:1-8 (Old Testament, Page 866)

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 147: 12-20 (Hymn 657)

GLENDON

All Sing

Matthew 5:1-12 (New Testament, Page 4 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

COMMUNION

*INVITATION

*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE