

Gathering Music The Summons
Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Before we got up this morning and decided to come to church,

God was waiting for us, to welcome us with grace.

When we are unsure of what to do; when we falter before the next step,

**we come to listen to God's voice, to learn from the One who teaches us
all we ever need to know.**

When we are surrounded by cruelty and injustice; when our fears cripple our souls,

God delivers us with steadfast love; we are set free to be God's children.

*Opening Hymn #435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

**Holy God, You created us with purpose. You gave each of us gifts and talents that
we might use to bring forth your kingdom on this earth. We confess that we
selfishly use our gifts for personal gain, forgetting that they, too, are a means of
tithing. You bestowed on us unique abilities that allow us to help your children
across the world– the poor, the orphan, the widow, the immigrant, and the
oppressed.**

**Forgive us when we fail to follow through on your calling to us. Put your hand to
our mouths, our hands, our feet, our minds... so that we may speak, act, write,
teach, comfort, and share your good news!**

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

*Song of Praise #583

Glory to God

Time with God's Children

Anthem Here I Am, Lord

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Isaiah 58:9-14

Second Reading

Luke 13:10-17

Sermon

A Rising Light

Hymn #343

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life (vv. 1, 2, 4, 6)

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, we rejoice that our lives are already consecrated by you. Inspired by the knowledge of your love, giving thanks for the gifts you offer us each day, we pray that these offerings and our lives may further your kingdom on earth. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #852

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

*Blessing and Charge

*Sung Benediction #80

The Trees of the Field

Postlude Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*Rise as you are able, in body or spirit