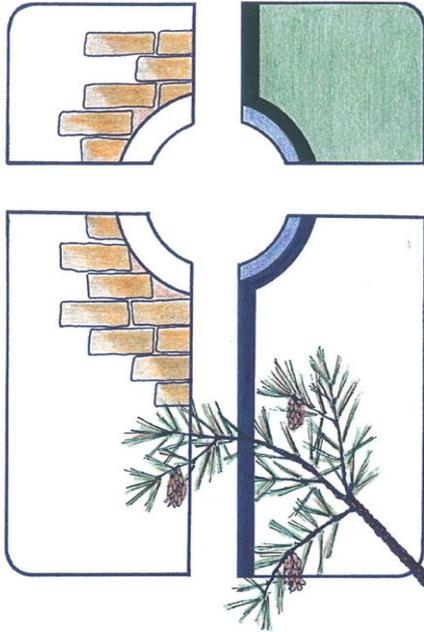


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blessing.**

**We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal,
to show us a new way of living,
with love and trust and courage, with joy and
generosity.
In this faith Jesus gave of himself, even his very life.
He was crucified and buried;
yet God raised him from death,
and he lives among us and grants his spirit to us.**

**We live by that Holy Spirit,
and entrust ourselves to its guidance and
empowerment.
As members of the church, the Body of Christ,
we devote ourselves to lives of love,
rejoicing in the power of forgiveness,
the reality of resurrection,
and the mystery of eternal life.**

***Hymn** *Great God of Every Blessing*

No. 694

Announcements, Time with the Children

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

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How majestic is your name in all creation.
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I see the moon and stars in place.
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***Hymn**

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No. 643

***Benediction**

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All: Alleluia! Amen!

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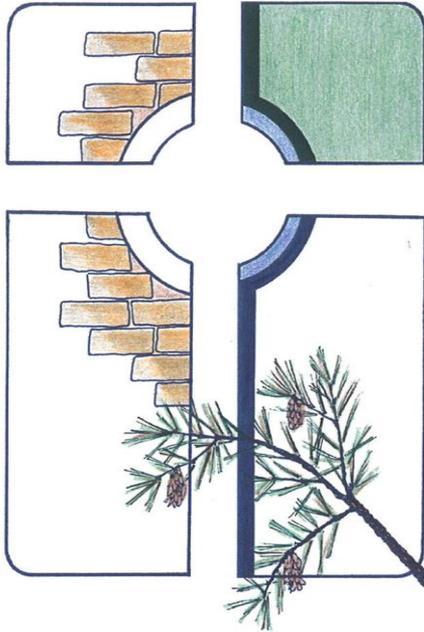
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Chime

Prelude *Offertory* Zipoli

Welcome and Announcements

A Time for Prayer and Personal Meditation

Introit *Rejoice, Rejoice!* Pethel

*Call to Worship

One: Blessed be the Lord God, who looks with kindness on us.

All: We are the inheritors of the promises made long ago to our ancestors.

One: Blessed be the Lord God, who gathers us here in this place.

All: From across the street, from halfway around the world, God brings us home to the heart of grace.

One: Blessed be the Lord God, who has remembered us.

All: Scoffers and singers, watchers and wigglers, we are those redeemed by God.

*Hymn *Here in This Place* No. 401

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

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who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.***

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