

PRELUDE

Jill Williams

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES *(from Psalm 85)*

Leader: Let us hear what the Lord will speak.

People: **God will speak peace to the faithful.**

GATHERING SONG

Less Like Me

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Zach Williams, Hank Bentley & Mia Fieldes

CALL TO WORSHIP - *(from Psalm 50)*

Leader: The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

Leader: Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

People: **He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

Leader: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

People: **The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!**

Leader: Let us join together in singing our Hymn of Praise, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, song #403 in the blue hymnal.

HYMN OF PRAISE

#403 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

(blue hymnal)

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People: Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

(Time of silent confession)

GLORIA PATRI - Hymn #579

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another!

Hymn #304 *Jesus Loves Me!* v.1

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Hymn #304 *Jesus Loves Me!* v.2

Sharon Steinberger

Word/Receiving God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament: Isaiah 50: 4 - 9

New Testament: Matthew 5: 38 - 42

Leader: The word of God, for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

"Retaliation is (Still) Not Working"

Pastor, Rev. Edgar C. Mariel

Response/Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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DOXOLOGY - Hymn #592

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN #513 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

(blue hymnal)

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN *#335 Though I May Speak* (blue hymnal)

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE SONG *#108 His Name Is Wonderful* (red book)