

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts.

All: **To give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

HYMN

"O Worship the King"

O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love; our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 4:13-19

GOOD NEWS

"Pulling the Rip Cord"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: Do you believe in God the creator of heaven and earth? All: **I do.**

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the redeemer of heaven and earth? All: **I do.**

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the sustainer of heaven and earth? All: **I do.**

One: Will you live by practicing faith that creates, redeems, and sustains? All: **I will.**

PRAYER OF FAITH

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.

Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.

Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us. That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Alcuin of York, England, 8th Century)

HYMN

"God Is Here"

God is here, as we your people meet to offer praise and prayer may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Lord, of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe

BLESSING