

Gathering for Worship VT – Voices Together hymnal (purple)

Prelude

Praising

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 2 & 99) Happiness comes to those who make God their refuge! Serve YHWH and rejoice but do so with fear and trembling. Let us praise your Name, Great and Awesome One: You are holy and mighty, a Leader who loves justice, Who establishes honesty, justice, and righteousness. You have done this And we worship at your footstool, You are Holy! We worship at your holy mountain; For you, our God, are holy!

Hymn: VT 34 – We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession (adapted from VT 932 & 935) We remember the promises made at baptism, both those we make for ourselves in the act of baptism, and the pledges of support we make as a congregation. We ask for God's intercession to help us live up to these promises.

I will abide in your Word as wisdom for my life.

When we turn our backs on truth and justice,

bring us back home to the wisdom of your teachings.

We pledge to bear each other's burdens, to assist in times of need.

Lord, help us use our strength to bring relief where it is needed.

I will share in your mission for the world with courage and hope.

Lord, forgive us when our view gets too narrow and parochial,

or when fear and despair impede us from doing your work.

We proclaim the presence of Christ among us

so that our lives may glorify God.

Lord, when we forget to celebrate your presence among us, open our eyes and help us live into your diversity.

Strengthen us, God of Love, bind us together as your baptized people, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: VT 453 – As I Went Down to the River to Pray

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Scripture Reading Matthew 17:1-9

Sharing Faith Stories

Service of Baptism Baptismal Vows Congregational Prayer: VT 931 Hymn: VT 454 – *Wade in the Water* Baptism & Blessing Congregational Response: VT 932 Hymn: VT 650 – *Alleluia*

Responding

Responses Sharing of Joys and Concerns *Please come forward to the mic if you wish to share something.* Praying Together

Work of the Church Brief but Spectacular Welcoming our Guests Announcements

The Ministry of Giving Children's Offering (children can bring their offerings forward at this time) Offertory Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: VT 70 – *Praise God* Benediction