

Gathering for Worship VT – Voices Together hymnal (purple)

Prelude

# Praising

Call to Worship (from Psalm 16) O God, keep us safe—you are our refuge. We say "You are our God; there is nothing good for us apart from you." We praise God who guides us; Even at night our hearts teach us. We are always aware of your presence; You are right by us and nothing can shake us. Our hearts are happy and our tongues sing for joy We feel completely safe with you. You show us the path to life And by your side we find enduring pleasure.

Hymn: VT 703 – Rain Down

Lighting the Peace Lamp

## Confessing

Confession (adapted from VT 959)

The church is the body of Christ, created by God and sustained by the Spirit. **God, forgive us when we forget our source and our sustenance.** The church embodies Jesus's way of life in the world, revealing God's reign through words and actions. **God, help us when our words and actions embody our own pettiness and callousness.**  When we choose to become members of the church we commit ourselves to Christ, to one another, and to God's mission of healing and hope.
YHWH, when pain and despair reign, remind of us our choice and commitment.
When we fall short of this mission,
We commit to turning toward one another with compassion and turning toward Christ, our strength and our guide.

Hymn: VT 556 - I Bind My Heart This Tide

## Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Scripture Readings Hebrews 13:20-21 Colossians 1:15-20

Sharing Faith Stories Congregational Response & Commitment VT 932 Mick & Mitchell Atencio

Hymn: VT 443 – I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

#### 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 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 621 – *My Hope Is Built* Benediction