

## **Gathering for Worship**

VT – Voices Together hymnal (purple)

Prelude: Sheep May Safely Graze

### **Praising**

### Call to Worship

We are gathered to worship our God.

Send your Spirit upon us.

We come from many places, with many burdens.

Send your Spirit upon us.

We turn our hearts to you, O God.

Send your Spirit upon us, and make us your beloved family.

Hymn: VT 740 - Spirit of the Living God

Lighting the Peace Lamp

# Confessing

#### Confession<sup>1</sup>

Abba God, you know us better than we know ourselves.

You know our thoughts, our weaknesses, our motivations, our sins.

Remind us that we are your children, and you love us still.

We confess that there are days when we don't believe such love is possible; and we wonder how You could love us just as we are.

Remind us that we are your children, and you love us still.

We confess that there are days when we don't believe that your kindom is coming; and, like Paul, we do not do the good we want.

Remind us that we are your children, and you love us still.

Abba God, help us to push aside our pride, help us to overcome our fears, help us to trust anew, for You know our hearts.

Remind us that we are your children, and you love us still.

Hymn: VT 517 – Children of the Heavenly Father

## Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Children ages 4 and up (younger with a trusted adult) are invited to the fellowship hall after children's time for children's church.

Scripture Readings Romans 8:12-25

Message:

Longing for the Revealing of the Children of God

Hymn: VT 420 – God of the Bible

### 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
Offertory: *Brethren We Have Met to Worship* 

**Prayer of Dedication** 

## Sending

Hymn: VT 830 – Go My Children

**Benediction**