As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord's presence.

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE "Coming Home" – Martin Donna Burkholder, piano

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 94

Leader: For the Lord will not forsake His people; He will not abandon His heritage.

People: For justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.

*HYMN "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" No. 210

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of truth and justice, we offer our thanks and praise for giving us the ability to turn swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. We remember the cost of war, and while we honor the past, we hope for a better tomorrow. Forgive us for mistrusting the councils of peace. Help us to work for a better tomorrow by putting our faith in the future You have designed for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]

*HYMN "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE David Griffith

(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 6:6-8 (OT (635)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 11:1-6 (NT p160)

SERMON Romans: Faith for Dummies Rev. Robert Bronkema

"Chosen by Grace"

*HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" No. 525

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Fanny Crosby Medley" – arr. Courtney Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 276

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*POSTLUDE *"Fugue in E minor (Cathedral)"* - Bach

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements
*Praise & Worship Unbroken Praise Forever Reign One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)
Prayer & Peace
Children's Message: David Griffith (For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)
Scripture Readings Isaiah 6:6-8; Romans 11:1-6
Sermon: Romans: Faith for Dummies "Chosen by Grace"
*Offering/Closing Song Strong God
*Benediction
Sermon Notes:

Next Week

2 Samuel 12:15b-19 Romans 11:17-21 "Humble Branches"