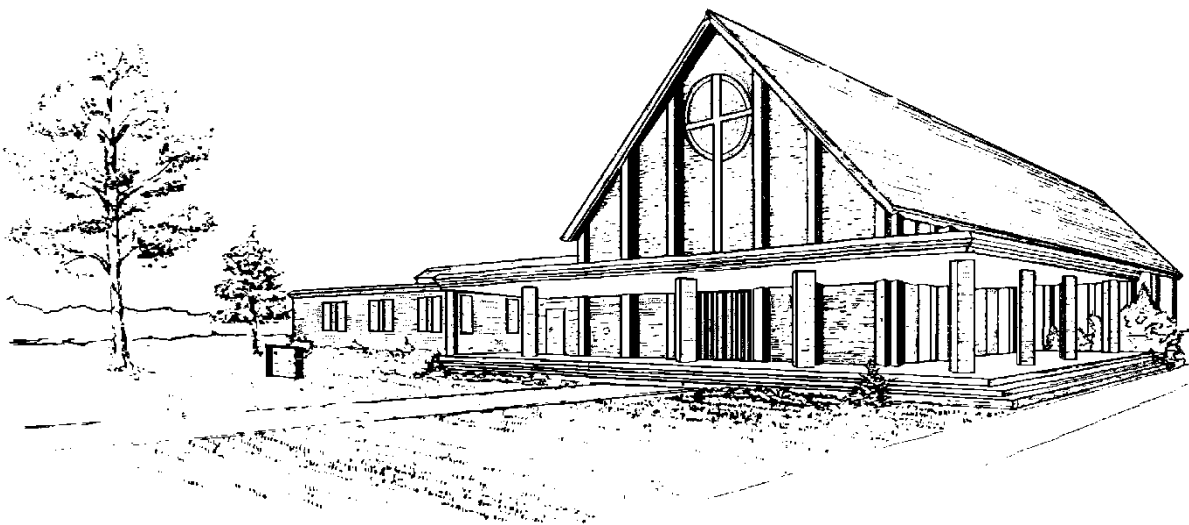


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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 111)

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

***Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.***

Full of honor and majesty is God's work,  
whose righteousness endures forever.

***God sent redemption to the people.  
Holy and awesome is God's name.***

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.  
All those who practice it have a good understanding.

***God's praise endures forever. Praise the Lord!***

HYMN # 142

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION

*All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of All!  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of All!*

*Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!*

*Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!*

*O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!  
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#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Faithful God, we have claimed to have more knowledge than we really possess. We have presumed to judge others on the basis of our limited understanding. We have grasped for freedom without taking full responsibility for our actions. Our witness is weak, and is directed primarily toward those with whom we prefer to associate. If we have violated another's conscience, if we have caused someone to fall, we are deeply sorry. For failing to do all Christ expects of the church, we repent and seek Your forgiveness. Amen.*

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

#### GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

#### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.  
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING

#### DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*By giving away some of the wealth that we cherish so much, we keep ourselves focused on why You are, Gracious God, and on what You expect of us. May our offerings be used wisely among us in the church, within our community, and as far as our influence can reach. Receive us and our gifts, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:2-11  
Mark 10:17-25

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“The Invitation”

Dr. Donald T. Russo

HYMN

*Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

FESTAL SONG

*Rise up, O saints of God! Have done with lesser things.  
Hive heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of Kings.*

*Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom tarries long.  
Bring in the day of righteousness, and end the night of wrong.*

*Rise up, O saints of God! The church for You doth wait  
with strength unequal to the task. Rise up and make it great.*

*Lift high the cross of Christ. Tread where Christ’s feet have trod.  
Come sisters, brothers in the faith. Rise up, O saints of God.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God, our Creator, we are family.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

## **JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE**

### **Welcome Back, Dr. Don Russo**

This morning, we are delighted to welcome Dr. Donald T. (Don) Russo back to the pulpit while Pastor Ann is taking some time off. Dr. Russo is a graduate of the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Italy. He earned his Ph.D. from New York University (NYU) in 1984. A retired Christian educator, he has taught religion on the high school level in Brooklyn, and on the college level at Syracuse University.

In addition to teaching, Don is a consultant to various religious groups. He has served as a workshop leader and lecturer at the *Institute for Pastoral Ministry* (Diocese of Brooklyn); a member of the Board of Directors for the *National Council on Religion and Public Education*; Coordinator / Co-Chair of *Religion and Public Policy*; Lecturer at *Jewish and Christian Relations Conferences* at NYU; Executive Secretary / Board of Directors for *The Religious Education Association of the US and Canada*.

Don is committed to interfaith dialogue, and is working with *Project-Genesis Interfaith*, where he lectures several times a year. ([www.project-genesis.org](http://www.project-genesis.org)) He enjoys reading, gardening, and cooking, and hopes that his beloved Dodgers will one day return to Brooklyn. Meanwhile, he is rooting for the Mets.

### **Food Pantry**

Do you know of people who might be hungry this season? Remember that we have a free food pantry in front of the church that is available 24/7. Please help us spread the word.

This week, we are in need of peanut butter (a brand name like Skippy, if possible), Chef Boy R-Dee Ravioli, and canned corned beef hash. Thank you.

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