



*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

# Service for the Lord's Day

## — Gathering —

**PRELUDE** Joshua Allen

**WELCOME** Dr. Sharon Templeman, CRE

**OPENING SENTENCES** Liturgist, Claudia Morgan-Gray

Heaven is declaring God's glory; the sky is proclaiming God's handiwork.  
***One day gushes the news to the next, and one night informs another what needs to be known.***

There is no speech; there are no words; their voices cannot be heard by us.  
***Yet their sounds extends throughout the world; their words reach the ends of the earth!***

**MUSIC** Joshua Allen

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Claudia Morgan-Gray

### CONFESSION

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

***Merciful God, how fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it. Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin, and save us from willfully ignoring your way. Let your commandments rule and guide us. Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful.***

***Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships – with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors. Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Turn us away from violence, falsehood and selfishness.***

***Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us, led us out of slavery, and brought us into the community of faith. Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.***

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Dr. Sharon Templeman

Brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again, we are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness with God and with one another! ***Thanks be to God.***

## — Word —

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Claudia Morgan-Gray

### SCRIPTURE

**Psalm 41**

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

### EPISTLE SCRIPTURE

**2 Corinthians 1:18-22**

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

### SERMON

***“A Journey in Time”***

Dr. Sharon Templeman

### ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

## — Response —

### MUSIC

Joshua Allen

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Sharon Templeman

Gracious God, you invite us, in the name of Jesus, to observe a holy Lent. We know what Christ calls us to do. Let us seek quiet places. Let us examine our hearts. Let us repent where we have strayed. Let us abstain from choices that harm us and harm our relationships. Let us return to You in prayer. Let us and our leaders find strength and courage for righteous living. Let us read and meditate on Scripture. Let us encourage one another to love and good deeds. Let us care for those in need. Lead us, O God, toward justice this Lent. Guide our steps. All this we pray in Jesus' name, praying as he taught us, saying,

### LORD'S PRAYER

***Our Father, who is in heaven,***

***Hallowed by Thy name.***

***Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done***

***on earth as it is in heaven.***

***Give us this day our daily bread;***

***and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;***

***And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.***

***For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***