



**Prayer of Approach** *(please be seated)*

**All: Always-present God, we come before you in awe,  
for you have promised never to leave us. Ever.  
It is an awesome thing!  
Even when we feel most lost and alone, still you are with us:  
your spirit is there- comforter, advocate, friend.  
We celebrate your presence here, today, right now.  
Amen.**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**All: "Let the Light of Christ fill this space. Amen."**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ** *(please remain seated)*

One: Rejoice and be glad,  
God has given us an amazing gift.  
The peace of the Risen Christ be with you all.  
**All: And also with you.**

**Learning Together**

"Praise Our Maker" VU 316

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: Forgiving God, unseen yet known,  
we hear the word speak in power and in greed  
and we hear you speak in love and grace.  
May our lives be lived in the echo of your voice.  
When we are persuaded by the want that leads to hurt,  
the desire that leads to greed,  
the desire that leads to selfishness,  
forgive us for following the wrong way;  
When we are persuaded by the spin that becomes truth,  
the belief that becomes doctrine,  
the fear that becomes intolerance,  
forgive us for following the wrong way.  
Forgiving God, seeing and forgiving, knowing and loving,  
we turn from following the wrong way  
and face you with our confessions.  
Hear us. Forgive us. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

**We Present Our Offering**

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory Refrain**

VU 542

**"We give thee but thine own,  
what e'er the gifts may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O God, from thee."**

**Prayer of Dedication** *(please remain standing)*

**All: Holy Parent, whose children we are,  
receive the gifts we offer.  
May they help to bring others closer to you,  
and to experience and appreciate your presence  
in their lives. Amen.**

**Anthem**

*"Fall On Me"*

(Nolan)

**We Listen For God's Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Psalter	Psalm 66:8-20	Parts Two & Three (VU p. 784,5)
Christian Scripture	John 14: 15-21	(pew Bible p. 877)
Christian Scripture	Acts 17: 22-31	(pew Bible p. 902)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Congregational Response**

VU 37

**"Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!"**