## Call to Worship

Pastor: The Christian way of living is the best way to live, and is God's gift to society.

People: We believe it is the best way to live, but it certainly is not the easiest!

Pastor: It is not easy, because it is not natural for us to forgive, to have strong faith without proof, and to live as servants instead of volunteers. But society is at its best when we live that way.

People: We know that is God's will for all people. May he help us prove our discipleship through our lifestyle.

#### **Prayer Of Confession:**

You ask us to be forgiving, Father, and we hold grudges.

You challenge us with strong faith, and we stumble over our doubts.

You call us to be servants, and we prefer to be volunteers so we can quit if the demands become too great.

Forgive us for our cautious commitment and undisciplined discipleship.

Guide us into faithful living, that we may be the disciples you have called us to be.

In our Savior's name we pray. Amen!

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

# I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Glory Be to the Father

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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.