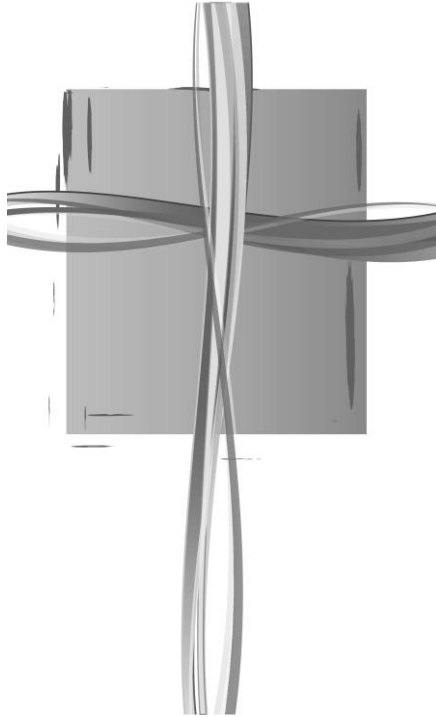




# FACING the CROSS



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### Invocation

*P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C Amen.**

*P I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

**C For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."**

*P The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,*

**C but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

**Opening Hymn –**

"Face the cross"

**(Tune)#433**

Face the cross of Jesus, who looked down on me,  
And told me to look on people lovingly.

When we face division and we grieve and sigh,  
Reconcile our problems, to see eye to eye.

Let us face our Savior, He the loving Lord,  
Who brings peace among us, harmony, accord.

### Confession and Absolution

(From Luke 9:51, Eph. 4:31-32 , 1 Cor. 1:10, and Eph. 2:13-16)

*P When the days drew near for him to be taken up, Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem to die on the cross for us.*

**C So we set our faces to the cross of Christ this day, and face the fact that we have not always dealt well with one another.**

- P St. Paul said, "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice."*
- C We confess that there have been times we have been angry with one another and have not treated people with respect and we ask for your forgiveness.**
- P St. Paul said, "I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment."*
- C We confess that there have been times when we built up barriers between us when we should be tearing down walls of discord and we ask for your forgiveness.**
- P Find rest in these words, "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility."*
- C Just as we are reconciled to God through Christ, so we are reconciled to one another.**
- P So be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*
- C We thank you, Jesus, for facing each one of us and loving us in spite of our sin. Help us to face each other with love and forgiveness every day of our lives. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

**Old Testament Lesson ...**

Exodus 34:29-35

**Hymn –**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

**#975**

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, Our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil and pain, And sin, we shall be free,  
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

**Epistle Lesson ...**

Colossians 3:12-17

**Gospel Lesson ...**

John 19:26-28

**Sermon Hymn – " The Church's One Foundation "**

**#644 vs. 1, 5**



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
O bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

**Sermon ...**

Pastor Smith

**Offering/Prayers/The Lord's Prayer**

*(Each petition ends with the following response)*

*P: Christ, who faced the cross,*

**C: turn your eyes to us.**

**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

**Closing Hymn—**

**"Abide with Me"**

**#878**

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.