RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Pastor: We pray our graduates are filled with your courage and strength, that they may be a light to their friends and neighbors in this uncertain time. We ask for your wisdom and clear direction over their lives, that you would give them understanding beyond their years. Thank you that your timing is perfect.

All: Our God, how wonderful are the works of your hands. As we gather here today to celebrate a step toward into new places with new people and new experiences, let us not forget the blessings that follow behind us. God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless them as they now finish their course of study. We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way, especially their parents. Walk with these graduates as they move forward in life. Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose. Strengthen their many talents and skills, instill in them a confidence. In the future you plan, may energies gathered up and used for the good of all people and for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESENTATION OF BIBLE

Penelope Adalyn Krapf

Pastor: Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its

stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Penelope: I receive the Bible with my hands, my heart, and my mind.

Thank you. I will read and study the Bible.

Congregation: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide

you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your Sunday School classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grow

in our love for God's Word.

Penelope: The Word of God is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.

Thanks be to God.

RECOGNITION OF CHOIR

Pastor: Let us recognize those who have responded to the call of God to the ministry of music in the church. To direct, to sing, and to play instruments are ministries of Christ among us. Those called to ministries need our royal support and our prayers. Making music to the praise of God in the congregation is a ministry that requires devotion and discipline. Let us bless them together.

All: O Lord, our God, bless these ministries of music and those who offer them in your service. Give to these persons love for you and your people, fullness of heart as they praise you, and diligence that their music may be a worthy offering to your glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Season of Promise" Mark Hayes / Herb Frombach

Listen to the stillness; new life is stirring. God is at work; new dreams are on the wing.

Listen to the silence; new hops are blooming. God is at work; all life begins to sing!

This is the season of promise. All nature is shouting resurrection! The old is gone, the new has come.

Awaken, all of God's creation; God is at work.

The seed which died now brings new life.

Listen to the quiet; New seeds are waiting. God is at work; such beauty God will bring.

Go Ye Therefore Mary McDonald

Go ye therefore, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Lord. Go ye therefore, teach all nations, all He commands in the name of the Lord. And lo, I am with you always, I am with you even until the end of the world. Go in My Name, I am with you, until the end of the world. Go ye therefore, He is with you even until the end of the world.

