

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* Please stand if able

PRELUDE *To A Wild Rose* Edward MacDowell
Arr. Lawrence Grant

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Sugg

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) (*from Psalm 96:1-8*) Elder

Leader: Sing to our God a new song.

People: God has done marvelous things!

Leader: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

People: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Leader: Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

People: Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

* HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* No. 356

CALL TO PRAYER (Please be seated) (*John 15:12*) Elder

We have been called to follow Christ

by obeying his one commandment:

that we love one another as he has loved us.

Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

PRAYER OF RENEWAL (Unison) (*John 15:11*) Elder

Loving God,

we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts.

Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness,

that we may be filled with your joy.

In Jesus's name we pray.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE (*John 15:13*) Laura Sugg

Leader: Amen. Christ loves us so much

that he laid down his life for us

and calls us his friends.

If we can forgive our friends,

how much more does Christ forgive us?

* GLORIA No. 113

"Christ the Lord is risen to-day!" *Al-le-lu-ia!*

All cre-a-tion join to say; *Al-le-lu-ia!*

Raise your joys and triumphs high; *Al-le-lu-ia!*

Sing, O heav'ns, and earth reply, *Al-le-lu-ia!*

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Deacon

GOSPEL READING John 15:9-17 Pg. 104

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Here I Am, Lord* Arr. Arnold B. Sherman
Ridge Ringers

TIME FOR CHILDREN (*As the children come forward, please join in singing.*)

This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.

Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.

SERMON *Abiding Love* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder
The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) Front of Hymnal Pg. 14

* HYMN *The Love Round*
(*sung as a round with direction from Kevin*)

Love, Love, Love, Love

The Gospel in a word is love.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Love, Love, Love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16
(*Pray, "Forgive us our sins..."*)

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *You Raise Me Up* Lovland and Graham
Ridge Ringers, Will Hitchcock Window Chimes (and Pat Cress, tenor) Arr. Sandra Eithun

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING Tune: Hymnal No. 592

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN *Lord, Make Us More Holy* No. 536

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 108

***Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love and praise.***

POSTLUDE *March Pontificale* Jacques Lemmens

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Jo Ann Flores
Greeter: Jeff Stimson
Sound Engineer: Seam Mestdagh
Flowers: Barbara and Jeff Stimson

Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly
Ushers: Jeff Stimson and Ted Willis
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WPC Mission Statement

*To worship God through faith and action,
to nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
to be an extended family to all,
and to serve the community
through programs, education and prayer.*

***Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2015***