

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

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

* Please stand if able

PRELUDE *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Arr. Jason D. Payne

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Leader: The Spirit of God moves among us, binding us in covenant with faithful people of every time and place.

People: The Spirit moves within us, empowering us to proclaim the gospel to all people.

Leader: The Spirit moves through us, making us channels of God's love.

All: As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living God made known to us in Jesus Christ.

* HYMN *On Pentecost They Gathered* No. 128

CALL TO PRAYER (Please be seated) Elder

PRAYER OF RENEWAL (Unison) Elder

**Gracious God,
We acknowledge once again
that we fall short of our high calling as your people.
If we have wished someone well
while withholding help and support we should have given,
forgive us, O God.
If we have loudly proclaimed our faith,
but then refused to follow Christ, forgive us, O God.
Through the power of your Spirit, make us persons of
courage, compassion, and integrity;
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

(Time for Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Leader: We are the precious people of Christ.

People: We carry with us the special promise of God that we are loved.

Leader: Each day is new.

People: The future is open.

Leader: Let us bring free and joyful hearts before God. Amen.

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Tune: No. 322

***Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.***

HEARING THE WORD

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 2:1-21 Pg. 112

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *King of Love* Arr. Paul Christiansen

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 *Talking the Talk* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives. Amen**

—from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1991)

* HYMN *Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow* No. 131

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Veni Creator Spiritus* Arr. Lani Smith

* 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 (in unison)

**Creating God,
who brought us into this world,
breathed your Spirit into us,
and endowed us with your likeness:
we give thanks to you for our creation
and for the cords of love that bind us and
nourish us in the community you have created.
We pray for your continued presence to feed
and sustain us as a family you have formed
and which bears your name.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

* HYMN *Spirit* No. 319

* CHARGE & BENECTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***May the Lord go with you as you leave this place,
May the Lord go with you as you celebrate His grace.
May you be surrounded by His love unbounded,
May the Lord go with you as you leave this place.***

POSTLUDE *Tocatta on "Festal Song"* Arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.



*The single biggest problem in communication is
the illusion that it has taken place.
—George Bernard Shaw*

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.*

***Pentecost Sunday
May 24, 2015***