

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

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

* Please stand if able

PRELUDE *Planctus II* Carson Cooman

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Leader: Jesus Christ is the true vine

People: and we are the branches.

Leader: God is love, abide in God,

People: and God will abide in you.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN *God Bless Your Church with Strength!* No. 418

CALL TO PRAYER (Please be seated) Elder

PRAYER OF RENEWAL (Unison) Elder

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear.

You make us branches of your vine, but we fail to abide in you.

You extend your promise to all, yet we seek to cut off and exclude.

Forgive us, God of grace.

**Sanctify us in your perfect love, the love that casts out all fear,
so that we may truly love one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Time for Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Leader: If we are in Christ, we are a new people altogether;
the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

**People: In your great mercy, O God,
raise us from the death of sin to newness of life
and make us your people, unburdened by the past,
unfearful of the future, and joyful in the eternal present,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* 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

GOSPEL READING John 15:1-8 Pg. 98

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *For The Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter

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 *Branching Out* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Sinfonia* Carson Cooman

* 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
SERVING COMMUNION

Bread is taken individually. Juice/Wine is taken together. Wine is in the outer rings of tray.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN *We Come as Guests Invited* No. 517

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* 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 *Hornpipe* Carson Cooman

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Gay Cuthill

Greeter: Jeff Stimson

Children's Time: Laura

Sound Engineer: Jeff Stimson

Communion Servers: Chuck Miller, Patty Goward Murray and Jeff Stimson

Deacon Reader: Patty Goward Murray

Ushers: Kerry Gardner and Chuck Miller

Flowers: Maxine Foster

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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.*

***Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2015***