

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

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

* Please stand if able

PRELUDE *Great is The Lord* Debra D. Smith and Michael W. Smith
Arr. Lyndell Leatherman

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Leader: For the stranger and the guest

People: the Lord prepares a table.

Leader: Every child of God is welcome

People: to share this feast of grace..

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN *I Come with Joy* No. 507

CALL TO PRAYER (Please be seated) Elder

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Unison) Elder

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not followed your way.

You call us to seek justice,

yet we abuse and ignore the poor.

You call us to show mercy,

yet we turn away from those in need.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Give us the wisdom and courage

to abandon our places of privilege

and to show our faith in action;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Leader: Be strong, do not fear!

God comes,

to fill your parched souls with living water,

to open your eyes to the grace which is yours.

People: God comes,

for no other reason than to save us.

This is indeed good news.

Thanks be to 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

GOSPEL READING Mark 7:24-37 Pg. 40

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 *Finding God at the Table* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder

We believe in God above us,

**maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon,
of water and earth, of male and female.**

We believe in Christ beside us,

**Jesus Christ the Word made flesh, born of a woman,
servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.**

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.

He descended into the earth to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from tomb.

**He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

We believe in God within us,

**the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the church,**

Spirit of healing and forgiveness,

source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

—from the Iona Community in Scotland

HYMN (Please be seated.) *Now to Your Table Spread* No. 515

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Behold the Lamb* Keith Getty, Kristen Getty and Stuart Townend
Arr. Lyndell Leatherman

* 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 (Unison)

***God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the lord. Amen.***

* HYMN *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* No. 514

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* 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 *Celebration For Trumpet* Robert W. Thompson

Please come to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.



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.*

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