

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

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

* Please stand if able

PRELUDE *Psalm of Glory* Dorothy Wells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

One: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Many: We sense God's power and grace.

One: Let us acknowledge God in song and silence.

Many: We will acknowledge God's presence by offering to God our very lives.

One: The Lord God loves lives offered in honesty and humility!

ALL: We will worship God!

* HYMN *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* No. 482

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Please be seated.) Unison Elder

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL:

**Loving and forgiving God,
sometimes it is hard for me to believe in forgiveness.**

**There are things in my life for which I am ashamed,
and it is hard for me to believe that you just forgive,
without requiring some form of payment.**

**I confess that I want others to pay for the wrongs they commit,
and when they offend me, or hurt my loved ones,
I am justice above mercy.**

**I know that I have hurt myself and others
by not following your example of forgiveness.**

O God, forgive me one more time.

**Let me experience my forgiveness in the depths of my being,
and help me to forgive others. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE The Rev. Dr. Dwight R. Blackstock

One: In a world surrounded by lies and half-truths, here is something which we can count on.

All: Jesus Christ loves each of us with a steadfast and everlasting love, and nothing can change this.

One: Believing this we can declare to one another.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Glory to God...* (See insert)

HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a Deacon Reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Pg. 289-290

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Fairest Lord Jesus* Arr. Tedd Smith & Don Husted
Organ/Piano Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano

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 *Caught* Rev. Dr. Dwight R. Blackstock

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 *More Love to Thee* David H. Hegarty

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Tune: Old Hundredth

***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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

No. 538

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Tune: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

***May the grace of Christ our Savior,
The Creator's boundless love,
And the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.***

(Refrain)

***Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.***

POSTLUDE

Finale

Gilbert M. Martin

Please come downstairs, below the Sanctuary for coffee and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Caroline Clovesko Deacon Reader: Dick Remington
Greeter: Nancy Rosi Ushers: Kerry Gardner and Chuck Miller
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette Children's Time: Rachael Axtman & Addie Crabbe
Communion Servers: Brenda Cavanaugh, Caroline Clovesko, Nancy Rosi and Jeff Stimson



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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