

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

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

* Please stand if able Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE *Praise His Greatness* Arr. Mark Hayes

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

We wake up in the morning and see the sunrise:

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

We are warmed by the sun; the rain cleanses all creation:

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

We watch the moon light up the night,

we fall asleep to the lullabies of the stars:

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

* HYMN *Come Sing to God* (See insert)

CALL TO PRAYER AND RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated)

Will this be a time of new life, new ways for us – or will we continue to live in the same old way? Let us confess to our God our failures, as well as our hopes, as we begin again. Let us pray:

**We admit that we always find the time to fill our stomachs,
God of every moment, but not our souls. We spend hours watching
television, but not the wonders of your creation. We arrange outings
with our friends, yet ignore your invitation to sit and talk. We make
resolutions to change every aspect of our lives, except for that
which pertains to you. Forgive us, God of Glory, and make us new.
In the moments to come, remind us that if there is a time for
everything, then we do have those moments for grace, for hope, for
joy, for a relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

(A time for silent prayer.)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen.

Our words, our thoughts, our deeds are in the past.

Today we begin anew. Today and every day, God offers us life and hope.

Here, now, forever – we are forgiven and healed.

This year, let us live as such people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Deacon

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *How Deep the Father's Love* Stuart Townsend

Bobbi Cress, Alto, & Kevin Crowe, Tenor

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 Movies: Inside Out* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please stand) Elder

Jesus was what we are.

He grew up in a family and a society

troubled by the common problems of the world.

His knowledge was limited

by his time and place in history.

He felt deeply the joy of friendship

and the hurt of being rejected.

Jesus prayed,

struggled with temptation, knew anger,

and was subject to suffering and death.

Jesus was what we should be.

He served God with complete trust

and unwavering obedience.

He loved all kinds of people

and accepted their love.

In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit,

Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him

from loving God with his whole being

and his neighbors as himself. Amen.

—from *A Declaration of Faith* (1977)

*HYMN *What A Friend We Have in Jesus* (See insert)

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Whiz Kids Tutoring

Betsy Smith

Jim Piperato

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (For Lord's Prayer words see insert)
(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

Give Me Jesus

Arr. Mark Hayes

* 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.***

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Laura Sugg

* HYMN

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

(See insert)

* CHARGE & BENECTION

* 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.***

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

POSTLUDE

Marching to Zion

Arr. Pepper Choplin

Please come downstairs below the Sanctuary for coffee and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Caroline Clovesko

Deacon Reader: Dick Remington

Greeters: Lary & Jackie Cahill

Ushers: Anne Baker & Brenda Cavanaugh

Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette

Children's Time: Addie Crabbe

Outdoor Setup Advisor: Jo Ann Flores



Finding God At the Movies

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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