

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 *Great is the Lord* Arr. Lyndell Leatherman

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Thanks be to you, O God that we have risen this day,

To the rising of this life itself.

Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

The hand of God between us and each hand.

The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

The love of Christ between us and each love.

O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day.

Bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

* HYMN *Gather Us In* Sing the Faith No. 2236

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder

Let us pray...

Eternal God, maker of the skies above,

lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,

Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters,

in earth, sea and sky, you are there.

O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns,

soul behind all souls, in everything we touch,

in everyone we meet, your presence is around us,

and we give you thanks.

But when we have not touched but trampled you in creation,

when we have not met but missed you in one another,

when we have not received but rejected you in the poor,

forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.

(A time for silent prayer.)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly
sorry and seek to renew their lives: Your sins are forgiven.

**Lead us now, O God, to acknowledge your costly generosity
by living as forgiven people, until heaven and earth rejoice
and the whole earth cries Glory! Amen.**

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Gloria Patri* No. 579

HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Esther 7, selected verses: 9:20-22 pgs. 452-454

The word of the Lord.

Deacon

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *The King Of Love* 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 *Wisdom: Turning the Tables* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Elder

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;

in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,

conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.

We believe in a with-us God

who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place:

into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for changes

and put ourselves on the line;

to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully

and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge;

to choose life and be used by the spirit

for God's new community of hope. Amen

*HYMN *Breathe On Me, Breath of God* No. 316

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16

(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *The Trophy* Francois Couperin

Arr. E. Power Biggs

* 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

Look at your hands, see the touch and tenderness,
God's own for the world.
Look at your feet, see the path and direction,
God's own for the world.
Look at your heart, see the fire and love,
God's own for the world.
Look at the cross, see God's Son and our Savior,
God's own for the world.
This is God's world.
And we will serve God in it. Amen.

* HYMN

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

No. 315

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG 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

Jubilation

Douglas E. Wagner

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.



“Cautious, careful people, always casting about to preserve their reputation and social standing, never can bring about a reform. Those who are really in earnest must be willing to be anything or nothing in the world's estimation, and publicly and privately, in season and out, avow their sympathy with despised and persecuted ideas and their advocates, and bear the consequences ”

— Susan B. Anthony

*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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Pulpit Elder: Ralph Hecox Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly
Greeters: Dick Remington & Ariane Meyer Ushers: Karen Powers & Dick Remington
Sound Engineer: Sean Mestdagh Children's Time: Addie Crabbe
Flowers: Lary & Jackie Cahill
