

## 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                                      *Glory of God*                                      David Paxton

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand)                                      Elder

We look in the mirror and what do we see?

**We see people who try to be faithful  
even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.**

We look in the mirror and how do we see?

**We see with hearts which are open to God's love,  
with lives which seek to trust when some  
tell us not to be so foolish.**

We look in the mirror and who do we see?

**We see Jesus, the One who struggles with  
the questions we raise, who models faithfulness  
for all who would follow.**

\* HYMN                                      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*                                      No. 263

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

Let us willingly embrace that which we believe is true  
we can come to the seat of grace, bringing our prayers to the One who is filled to  
overflowing with mercy and hope. Join me as we pray together...

**We stand before you, Saving God,  
stripped of our pretensions and pride,  
or nothing we do or say, or do not, can be hidden from you.**

**You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves;  
you sift through the rubble of hurts we have caused;  
you see how we stumble, weighed down by all that 'stuff'  
which keeps us from following Jesus.**

**We stand before you, Holy Grace.**

**As we let go of all which might hold us back,  
give us the trust to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,  
into that life with which he offers to each of us.**

*(A time for silent prayer.)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE                                      Laura Sugg

Amen. Hear the good news! Because God loves us, we lack for nothing;  
because God forgives us, we have everything we need;  
because God surrounds us with sisters and brothers, we do not journey alone.

**Committing everything to God, trusting in the One who redeems us,  
we decide to live as God's faithful and forgiven people. Amen.**

\* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      *Glory to God*                                      (see insert)

## HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING                                      Amos 5:6-15                                      pg. 878

The word of the Lord.                                      Deacon

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM                                      *The Gift to Be Simple*                                      Arr. Dale Wood

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                                      *Tough Love*                                      Laura Sugg

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)                                      Elder

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples  
to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.**

\*HYMN                      *What Does the Lord Require of You?*                      Sing the Faith No. 2174

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP: SERVICE                      Gay Cuthill and Betsy Smith

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER                      Front of Hymnal Pg. 16  
*(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")*

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY                      *The Fifers*                      Francois Dandrieu

\* 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                      *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*                      No. 434

\* CHARGE & BLESSING

\* 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                      *Postlude on "Old Hundredth"*                      Arr. by Louis Bourgeois  
  
*Please come through to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.*

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Pulpit Elder: Betsy Smith                      Deacon Reader: Janette Powers  
Greeters: Dick Remington                      Ushers: Jeff Stimson and Ted Willis  
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette                      Children's Time: Roxanne Foster  
Flowers: Maxine Foster and Jan Moore

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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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