

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 *Carillion Tune* Arr. Douglas Wagner
Ridge Ringers

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Welcome! There are many places you could be this morning,
but you have chosen to be here:

where we learn how to live in God's Kingdom.

Welcome to this place — full of music, of words, of prayer —
yet also filled with danger:

where we encounter a Wisdom we cannot always understand.

Welcome to God's House, the most dangerous place in town:

**where we talk about and with God, and are reduced to silence
so we may hear the call to discipleship.**

* HYMN *Praise The Lord, God's Glories Show* No. 481

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

We do not pray in order to alleviate our guilt, but to express our gratitude to God.
Even with all our mistakes, God still loves us, surrounding us with mercy and hope,
waiting to restore us to new life. Please join me, as we pray together saying,

**Creation's Heart, we look around and see how we fall
short in our attempts at faithfulness**

**We often do things, not because it is what you call us to do,
but in hopes of earning points with you.**

**We can become so self-absorbed, we cannot see the suffering
and struggles of friends, family, strangers.**

**We are so desperate to get to the front of the line,
we push aside the very ones you seek to honor.**

**Forgive us, Holy One. Remind us that the cup we are offered
overflows with grace, that the waters of baptism cleanse
and make us new, and that Jesus Christ is the One
who calls us to service, standing by our side,
as we seek to be faithful disciples.**

(A time for silent prayer.)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. The One who poured the foundations of creation fills us
with grace and hope. The One who numbered the clouds, tips over
rain barrels of living water into our parched souls.

**The One who writes anthems for the early morning stars,
fills us with songs of joy. The One who provides food
for all living things, feeds us with mercies which come
fresh and new each day. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

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

HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:35-45 pg. 44

The word of the Lord. Deacon

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *This Is My Word* Pepper Choplin

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 *Servant Leadership* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)
Front of Hymnal Pg. 14

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP: FAITH Ralph Hecox

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *For The Beauty of the Earth* Conrad Kocher
 Ridge Ringers Arr. Kevin McChesney

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING No. 591/2

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

* HYMN *They'll Know Are Christians by Our Love* Sing The Faith No. 2223

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *The Trees of the Field* from Isaiah 55:12

***You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.***

***And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.***

POSTLUDE *Let the Trumpet Sound!* Lani Smith

Please come through 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.*

Pulpit Elder: Betsy Smith
Greeters: Kerry Gardner
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette
Flowers: Bob and Nancy Rosi

Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly
Ushers: Maxine Foster and Jeff Stimson
Children's Time: Kevin Crowe

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