

## 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 Him! Praise Him!*                      Arr. Mary McDonald

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand)                      Elder

Sisters and brothers,

as we gather in the welcome of God's Love,

as we gather in the joy of our unity in Christ,

as we gather in the power of the Spirit, let us listen for the voice of God!

**Let us worship God, who has spoken and still speaks**

**to those who attend to the roar or whisper  
of the Holy One. Amen!**

\* HYMN                      *In Christ There Is No East or West*                      No. 439

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated)                      Elder  
Brazil

Let us pray...

**Lord, help us in the temptation of forgetting  
the problems in the community  
and in the world of which we are a part.**

**Lord, help us in the temptation of seeking  
merely our immediate satisfaction,  
without considering the consequences.**

**Lord, help us in the temptation of not committing  
to obligations to our family, our community,  
and wanting to isolate ourselves in our individual lives.**

**Lord, help us in the temptation of not understanding  
that your love and gratitude is for all your creatures.**

**Lord, help us in the temptation of not understanding  
that you created all that exists,**

**and asked us to care for and live in harmony with nature.**

**Lord, help us in the temptation to turn to violence  
to resolve our problems with others.**

**Lord, help us in the temptation to not forgive, nor seek reconciliation.**

**Give us patience that is necessary for each of us  
to work for the peace and justice that only love of you can  
achieve, but that first must reside in each of our hearts.**

*(A time for silent prayer.)*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Amen. In Christ our hope is new every day  
and there is no condemnation.

Rise up and live as free people of God.

**Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace,  
good will to all. Amen.**

\* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Gloria Patri*                      No. 579

## HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING                      Mark 8:1-10                      Pg. 40

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM                      *Come to the Table*                      Allen Pote

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                      *Loaves Abound!*                      Laura Sugg

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)                      Elder

**We believe**

**that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church  
as the community of believers who have been reconciled  
with God and with one another;**

**that unity, is therefore, both a gift and an obligation  
for the church of Jesus Christ;**

**that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force,  
yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly  
pursued and sought:**

**one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;  
that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that  
separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups  
is sin which Christ has already conquered,  
and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have  
no place in the church and must be resisted...**

—from *Confession of Belhar* ^ (1986 South Africa, 2015 PCUSA)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER  
(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

Front of Hymnal Pg. 16

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY (see insert) *Modimo Rea Go Boka* Traditional Sotho  
Choir South Africa

\* 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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION  
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE and PRAYER OF CONSECRATION  
SERVING COMMUNION

*Bread is taken individually. Juice/wine is taken together, wine is in outer rings of tray.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison) Laura Sugg

**God, food of the poor; Christ our bread;** (World Student Christian Federation) Peru  
**You have given us a taste of the tender bread  
from your creation's table;  
bread newly taken from your heart's oven,  
food that comforts and nourishes us;  
a loaf that makes us human joined hand in hand,  
working and sharing; a sacrament of your body;  
a warm loaf that makes us a family; your wounded people. Amen.**

\* HYMN *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* No. 514

\* CHARGE & BLESSING

\* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *We Are Marching* Sing The Faith 2235-b

POSTLUDE *March Pontificale* Jacques Lemmens

*Please come through to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.*

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Pulpit Elder: Betsy Smith      Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly  
Greeters: Dick Remington      Ushers: Chuck Miller and Jeff Stimson  
Children's Time: Linda Valo      Flowers: Pat Robbins  
Communion Servers: Lori Golightly, Chuck Miller, Dick Remington, and Don Tolin

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(Graphic: Lord's Prayer in Arabic)

*Lord, oil the hinges  
of our hearts' doors  
that they may swing gently  
and easily to welcome  
your coming.  
New Guinea*

WPC Mission Statement  
To worship God in 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.

***World Communion Sunday  
October 4, 2015***