

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 *Rejoice, The Lord is King* Arr. Jason D. Payne

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

We gather today, seeking the peace Christ gives.

**We gather in spite of many a conflict,
many a doubt, within our souls.**

We gather, longing for the breath of God's Spirit
to give us courage and renewal.

Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest.

**Bless us through the power of your Spirit, and give us
the courage to live as your disciples day by day.**

* HYMN *God of Our Life* No. 275

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder

Let us pray...

**Eternal God,
from the beginning of time you have called your children
into communion with you.**

**Yet we confess that like all the rest,
we have turned to our own way
and refused your love and grace.**

**Restore us to the joy of knowing you,
and of recognizing your reign among us,
through Jesus Christ, bringer of your good news.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

There is no greater joy in the heart of God than this moment now! For in this moment,
we call upon God to grant us new life in the center of our wounded hearts.

It is with great joy that God grants us new life and forgiveness!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven by grace!

With great joy we are made alive!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

* SUNG RESPONSE *Gloria Patri* No. 579

HEARING THE WORD

EPISTLE READING *Romans 15:4-13* pgs.155-156

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Deacon

ANTHEM *Servant Song* Richard Gillard

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 *Mutual Forbearance* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand)

God created human beings with a need for community

and with freedom to enter into it

by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience

and to one another with love and helpfulness.

We believe that we have been created

to relate to God and each other

in freedom and responsibility.

We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility

by trying to live without God and other people

or against God and other people.

Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being,

and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them.

Since every human being is made

for communion with God and others,

we must treat no one with contempt.

We are to respect and love all other people

and ourselves as well.

—from *A Declaration of Faith* (1977)

* HYMN *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* No. 370

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

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION: HIGHLAND WEST COMMUNITY Kerry Gardner & Joanie Mickle

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *But Now I See* Richard A. Williamson

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING *Doxology* No. 591/2

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

* HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* No. 438

* CHARGE & BENECTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune: This is My Father's World

***God, bless your church with life! May all our branches thrive,
Unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit, Abundantly alive.
From you, one holy vine, in fre-e-dom we grow;
Sustain us in our mission, Lord, Your love and peace to show.***

POSTLUDE *Last Letter Home* Lee Voight
Kevin Crowe, tenor

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Marny Eulberg
Greeter: Nancy Rosi
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette
Flowers: Don and Carolyn Steffen

Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly
Ushers: Bill and Karen Powers
Children's Time: Kevin Crowe

Wheat Ridge Presbyterian Church

9180 W. 38th Avenue Wheat Ridge, CO 80033 • 303-422-2354
Jenny@WRPres.org • www.wpcpres.org

*Pastor: Laura S. Sugg, M.Div., Ph.D. • Laura@WRPres.org
Laura at Church: 303-422-2355 • Cell: 720-471-0751*

*Director of C.E., Children & Youth: Linda Valo • C.E. Assistant: Addie Crabbe
Organist, Hand Bell Choir Director: Julie Pulliam, M.A.*

Choir Director: Kevin Crowe, M.M.

*Treasurer: Eileen Gardner, C.P.A • Assistant Treasurer: Caroline Clovesko
Administrative Assistant: Jenny Garner*



*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.*

November 15, 2015