

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 *In Christ Alone* Lyndell Leatherman

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

God's Word called into being the pumpkins,
the geese who fly south, the leaves which litter our lawns.

In awe, we come into the presence of the God of vivid imagination.

God's arms reach down and gather up children,
lovingly placing us in grace's lap.

In joy we reach up to the God who loves us completely.

God's spirit fills our lungs, so we can cry out for justice
for the broken, the young, the old, the abandoned of our time.

In service, we join with our God to build hope in our world.

* HYMN *God of the Sparrow* No. 272

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

We bring our flawed lives to God,
not so much to be made perfect, but to be made whole.
Let us confess to God, trusting the One who builds joy from our despair.

**Bountiful Love, our self-focus causes us
to imagine how poor we are.**

**We are convinced we don't have enough:
enough honor, enough respect
enough recognition, enough to live on.**

**And so, in our poverty, we cannot trust you,
we cannot see the emptiness of others,
we cannot help but cling to more than we need.**

Forgive us, Bestower of Blessings.

**Tell us we can be more compassionate;
sing to us of how we can serve others—
all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. The good news is that we are made whole; not by our efforts,
not by any work we have done, not by any word of ours.

**Out of the riches of grace,
God pours forgiveness into our lives,
giving us all we need in Jesus Christ,
so we might live in hope and joy.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Mark 12:38-44 pgs. 46-47

The word of the Lord. Deacon

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *River in Judea* John Leavitt

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 *Giving from the Heart* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

* HYMN *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* No. 392

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* arr. Lyndell Leatherman

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Laura Sugg

Accept these gifts that we offer, O God,
as a sign of the lives that we commit to your service.

**Grant that we might reach out through these resources
to those who are in need of your Word,
your comfort, your challenge.**

**Transform us, we pray, that in the giving of our worldly goods,
we might become free to give our hearts.**

**May we come to know
the eternal life of which your Son spoke.**

This we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

* HYMN

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought
*(The congregation is invited to bring forward their pledge cards
and place them in the basket.)*

No. 414

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* 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

The Lord Reigns, Alleluia!

Gerald Peterson

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Marny Eulberg
Greeter: Nancy Rosi
Sound Engineer: Sean Mestdagh
Flowers: Eleanor Fowler

Deacon Reader: Jeanne Miller
Ushers: Jeff Stimson and Ted Willis
Children's Time: Roxanne Foster



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.*

***Pledge Dedication Sunday
November 8, 2015***