

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 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Arr. Lani Smith
Organ/Piano Duet Betty Niquette, Piano

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder
Is anyone thirsty? From Isaiah 55

Come and drink!

Is anyone hungry?

Enjoy the finest food at the table of the Lord.

What more do we need?

**The Lord has made an everlasting covenant
and promised unfailing love.**

Let us worship God.

* HYMN *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* No. 288

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder

Let us pray ...

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you.

**We shake our heads at others' calamity,
yet ignore the signs of our own destruction.**

**We enjoy a prized place in your garden,
yet year after year fail to bear good fruit.**

Forgive us, God of grace.

**Give us the wisdom to repent and be reconciled to you,
so that we may have the gift of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. If we are in Christ, we are a new people altogether;
the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

**In your great mercy, O God,
raise us from the death of sin to newness of life
and make us your people, unburdened by the past,
unfearful of the future, and joyful in the eternal present,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* SUNG RESPONSE

No. 83 Verse 5

All glory to our Lord and God

For love so deep, so high, so broad:

The Trinity whom we adore

Forever and forevermore.

HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Luke 13:1-9 Pg. 71

This is the Word of Faith
that we proclaim.

Deacon
Romans 10:8

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Jesus Walked to Calvary* Joseph M. Martin

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 Words* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder

We live in tension between God's warning and promises.

Knowing the righteous judgement of God in Christ,

**we urge all people to be reconciled to God,
not exempting ourselves from the warnings.**

Constrained by God's love in Christ,

we have good hope for all people,

not exempting the most unlikely from the promises.

Judgement belongs to God and not to us.

**We are sure that God's future for every person
will be both merciful and just.**

—from A Declaration of Faith (1977)

*HYMN *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy* No. 298

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

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *The Old Rugged Cross* Arr. Lani Smith

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING Tune: Hymnal No. 422

**Lord, whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, Worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose Every gift which you impart.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

* HYMN No. 392
Take Thou Our Minds

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 81 Verse 4

**Abide with us, that so this life
Of suf-f'ring o-ver-past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last.**

POSTLUDE Reginald Martin
Processional March

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Ron Johnston
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Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette

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Children's Time: Linda Valo

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*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.*

***Third Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2016***