

**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 *The Palms* Jean Baptiste Faure  
Organ/Piano Duet Betty Niquette, Piano

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder  
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.  
**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**  
This is the day the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it!**  
Let us worship God.

\* HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* No. 88  
Ridge Ringers

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder  
Let us pray ...  
**Triumphant God,**  
**We join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises.**  
**While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your will.**  
**We sing easily of your greatness,**  
**but living faithfully is often beyond us.**  
**We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real,**  
**daily leading us away from you.**  
**Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace.**  
**Forgive what we have done and who we have been.**  
**Lord, save us. Hosanna!**

*(A time for silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg  
Amen. The proof of God's amazing love is this.  
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.  
He bore our sins in his body on the cross,  
so that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.  
**Give us the assurance of your pardon, O God,**  
**that we may live in the fullness and freedom of life,**  
**which you have promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* SUNG RESPONSE (Tune: *Valet Will Ich Dir Geben*, No. 88)

**All hail to God's anointed, Great David's greater Son!**  
**All hail, in time appointed, Thy reign on earth begun!**  
**All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King!**  
**To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**HEARING THE WORD**

GOSPEL READING Luke 19:28-40 Pg. 78  
This is the Word of Faith that we proclaim. Deacon

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Ride On, King Jesus* 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 *One of the Crowd* Laura Sugg

GOSPEL READING Luke 23, selected verses

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder  
**In both his majesty and lowliness**  
**Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God with us.**  
**Religious leaders hated Jesus because he criticized their hypocrisy**  
**and reproved their neglect of justice and mercy.**  
**They charged him with blasphemy and sedition**  
**when he claimed to speak and act with God's authority.**  
**One of Jesus' followers betrayed him.**  
**Others abandoned and denied him**  
**because they were afraid to stand with him.**  
**He was sentenced, mocked, beaten,**  
**and crucified as a common criminal.**  
**We confess that in the execution of Jesus**  
**the sin of the human race reached its depths.**  
**In the presence of Jesus, who lived out what God wants us all to be,**  
**we were threatened beyond endurance.**  
**Blinded by our rebellion against our Creator,**  
**we killed God's Son when we met him face to face.**  
**Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning.**  
**He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.**

—from *A Declaration of Faith* (1977)

HYMN (remain seated) *My Song is Love Unknown* No. 76  
(Choir sings verse 1 the congregation joins choir for verses 2-5)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Front of Hymnal Pg. 16

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

*Palm Sunday Majesty*  
Ridge Ringers

Arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

\*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 THANKSGIVING (Unison)

Laura Sugg

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**Great God: we thank you for Jesus Christ,  
whose death brought life.**

**We praise you for the trust we have in him,  
for mercy undeserved,**

**and for love you pour out on us and on all people.**

**Give us gratitude and a great desire to serve you  
by taking up our cross and following in the way  
of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

\* HYMN

*What Wondrous Love is This?*

No. 85

\* 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

*The Lost Chord*

Arthur Sullivan

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

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Pulpit Elder: Betsy Smith

Greeters: Dick Remington

Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette

Deacon Reader: Janette Powers

Ushers: Karen Ledgerwood & Karen Powers

Children's Time: Linda Valo

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