

## 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 *Near The Cross* Arr. Lani Smith  
Organ/Piano Duet Betty Niquette, Piano

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) from 2 Corinthians 4:6  
Jesus taught the marginalized, Elder  
the sinners, the broken,  
**and loved them as his children.**  
Even when we are proud, negligent, prodigal,  
**Christ loves us as his own.**  
Let us worship God.

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

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder  
Let us pray...  
**Merciful God, we confess  
that we have sinned against you.  
We take your blessing for granted  
and squander our inheritance.  
We boast of our good works  
and resent your great mercy to others.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Let us no longer be lost.  
Help us to find our way home to you,  
where you welcome us with open arms;  
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 15:1-3, 11b-32 Pgs. 73-74  
This is the Word of Faith Deacon  
that we proclaim.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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.***

ANTHEM *I've Got Peace Like A River* African-American Spiritual  
The Children of WPC

SERMON ***Grace Abounds!*** Laura Sugg

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Ivory Palaces* Arr. Tedd Smith and Don Husted

\*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

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

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* HYMN *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* No. 341

\* 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 *Psalm 19* Benedetto Marcello

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

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Greeters: Dick Remington & Gordon Swanson      Children's Time: Betsy Smith  
Ushers: Kerry Gardner & Chuck Miller              Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette  
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### *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.*

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