

## 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                      *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*                      Arr. Henry Balcome

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand)                      Elder

We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

**We are here to challenge and support one another  
to rise up and follow.**

We are here because we want to be God's people.

**We want to learn more about what it means  
to be the people of God.**

We come, seeking to be moved, changed,  
and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

**Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit,  
and prepare to leave this place to journey  
on as true disciples of Christ.**

Let us worship God.

\* HYMN                      *O Day of Radiant Gladness*                      No. 470

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL                      Elder

Let us pray...

**We sing loud songs to you, Morning Joy,  
trusting they will drown out our mean-spirited murmurs  
about those around us.**

**We hope you will turn a blind eye to our behaviors,  
while we imprison our families and friends  
with impossible expectations.**

**You never give up on us, Healing God.**

**You are quick to forgive us,  
and quicker to offer us ways to share your name  
with everyone we meet.**

**As you continue to be loving and affirming towards us,  
let us go to share the good news of the life, death,  
and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*(A time for silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE                      Laura Sugg

Amen. Rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put  
on the joy of the Lord. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Psalm 30:11

## \* SUNG RESPONSE

No. 123

***Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!***

## HEARING THE WORD

WORDS OF INTRODUCTION                      Laura Sugg

READING FROM ACTS                      Acts 9:1-20                      Pgs. 120-121

The Word of the Lord.                      Deacon

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM                      *Praise Him, Alleluia*                      Eugene Butler

TIME WITH 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                      *Seeing the Light*                      Laura Sugg

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy  
and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven  
and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

--from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1991)

\*HYMN                      *Open My Eyes That I May See*                      No. 324

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

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* Arr. Lani Smith

\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING *Glory to God* (see insert)

\* CLOSING RESPONSES Laura Sugg

We call on the power of God to meet us in our helplessness:

**God in our thinking, God in our speaking.**

We call on the clarity of God to meet us in confusion:

**God in our acting, God in our stillness.**

We call on the mercy of God to meet us in our brokenness:

**God in our waking, God in our sleeping.**

We call on the Spirit of God to meet us in our division:

**God in our meeting, God in our parting. Amen.**

\* HYMN *The Summons ( Will You Come and Follow Me)* STF No. 2130

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 122

***Thine is the glory,  
Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won.***

POSTLUDE *A Trumpet Tune* Gene Clarke

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

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Greeters: Don & Diane MacDougall  
Ushers: Jeff Stimson & Ted Willis

Deacon Reader: Jeff Stimson  
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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.*

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