

## 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                      *Lead On, O King Eternal*                      Arr. Gilbert M. Martin

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand)                      Elder

The God of heaven has made a home on earth,  
**Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**  
The highest in all creation lives among the least,  
**Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**  
Come now all who thirst  
**and drink the water of life.**  
Come now all who hunger  
**and be filled with good things.**  
Come now all who seek  
**and be warmed by the fire of love.**

\* HYMN                      *Crown Him with Many Crowns*                      No. 151

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL                      Elder

Let us pray...  
**You have shown us love, O God.**  
**In Jesus, you have shown us love that seeks,**  
**love that suffers, love that survives all things.**  
**You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives.**  
**Yet we turn away from what you would have us do.**  
**We confess that the ways of love are not our ways.**  
**We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject.**  
**Loving others is hard. Loving ourselves is often harder.**  
**Have mercy on us.**  
**Help us to receive your love in a manner**  
**that allows us to share your love with others.**  
**Help us to receive your love in a manner**  
**that allows us to love ourselves.**

*(A time for silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE                      Laura Sugg

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. 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING                      Psalm 23                      Laura Sugg  
(from *The Message*)

GOSPEL READING                      John 10:22-30                      Pg. 98  
The Word of the Lord.                      Deacon  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM                      *Sweet Hour of Prayer*                      Arr. Manookin

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                      ***Back Home***                      Laura Sugg

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand)  
**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,**  
**who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh,**  
**to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**  
**We trust in God. We are called to be the church:**  
**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation,**  
**to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,**  
**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**  
**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**  
**We are not alone.**  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

—from The Iona Community

\*HYMN                      *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*                      No. 171

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Higher Ground* Arr. Lani Smith

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

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

**God of all power,  
you called from death our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep.  
Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost,  
to heal the injured,  
and to feed one another  
with knowledge and understanding;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\* HYMN *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* No. 172

\* CHARGE & BLESSING

\* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 122

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

POSTLUDE *Grand Triumphal Chorus* Alexander Guilmant  
Arr. Thomas Chesterton

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

Pulpit Elder: Marny Eulberg      Deacon Reader: Jeff Stimson  
Greeters: Bob and Nancy Rosi      Children's Time: Don Tolin  
Ushers: Maxine Foster and Pat Robbins      Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette

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*Your beauty and love chase after me  
everyday of my life.  
I'm back home in the house of God  
for the rest of my life.  
—Psalm 23 The Message  
By Eugene Peterson*

*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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