

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 *Bless His Holy Name* Andrae' Couch
Arr. Lyndell Leatherman

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder
In the new Jerusalem
we will need neither sun nor lamp
because God's glory will shine forever.
Let the nations walk in the light of Christ.
Praise the Lord!

* HYMN *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* No. 446

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL Elder

Let us pray...

Eternal God,
from the beginning of time you have called your children
into communion with you.
Yet we confess that like all the rest,
we have turned to our own way
and refused your love and grace.
Restore us to the joy of knowing you,
and of recognizing your reign among us,
through Jesus Christ, bringer of your good news.

(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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 21:10-22:5 Pgs. 249-250
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon

ANTHEM *Praise to the Lord* Arr. Alfred Whitehead

TIME WITH CHILDREN Tune STF 2233
(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 ***Fulfillment*** Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand)
All things will be renewed in Christ.
In Christ, God gave us a glimpse of the new creation
God has already begun and will surely finish.
We do not know when the final day will come.
In our time we see only broken and scattered signs
that the renewal of all things is under way.
We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering
in the world, the church, or our own lives.
But we see Jesus as Lord.
As Christ stands at the center of our history,
we are confident he will stand at its end.
Christ will judge all people and nations.
Evil will be condemned
and rooted out of God's good creation.
There will be no more tears or pain.
All things will be made new.
The fellowship of human beings with God
and each other will be perfected. Amen.

—from *A Declaration of Faith*, 1977

HYMN (remain seated) *O Lord, You Gave Your Servant John* No. 431
(Choir sings verse 1, then congregation joins them)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Alice Datema, Bob Euser Laura Sugg

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *More About Jesus* Arr. Lani Smith

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

* HYMN *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* No. 426

* 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 *Sing to the Lord* Lani Smith

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Jim Niquette

Greeter: Kevin J. Myers

Ushers: Maxine Foster and Pat Robbins

Deacon Reader: Jeff Stimson

Children's Time: Laura Sugg

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*"Heaven, the future God has prepared for us, is literally beyond our imagination,
and for the time being it is only a thing of imagination,
for no one has gone there and come back to tell about it. When heaven
is described in Revelation 22:3-5, it is a work of imagination,
a poetic construction, a setting designed for dramatic impact.
It is not a photograph, a plan, a map."
--Peter Gomes*

*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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