

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 *He Has Made Me Glad* Arr. Fred Bock

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

When we long for the special effects we think life should offer:

it is enough, for us, that God comes in a soft, summer shower.

When we our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt:

it is enough, for us, that God opens up the fountains of faith for us.

When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:

it is enough, for us, that God wraps us in the silence of grace.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN *In Christ There Is No East or West* (see insert)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION & PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Please be seated) Elder

We long to be set free from those 'powers' which control our lives; to let go of our fears of 'them;' to stop trying to build fences between us and those who are not like us. That is why our longing brings us to the living waters offered by our God, who allows us to fill our parched souls with a refreshing drink of forgiveness. Let us confess as we pray together, saying,

Like children, we fear that if we tell you what we have done, God of Justice, you might not love us any more.

We can kill the dreams of those around us with a word, spoken or withheld.

We can make the lives of our friends miserable, instead of sharing a miracle.

We are filled with that legion of temptations

which only leave us empty and wanting more.

Forgive us, Gracious Father. Remind us that we are no longer sinners, but your children.

Baptized, we are clothed in the graciousness and faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who came that we might be set free of all that imprisons us.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. God forgives us, so we might be new people. God equips us, so we might serve others. God sends us forth, so we might be a witness to everyone we meet.

No one is the same: enemies are now our friends;

those we could not trust now become our confidants;

those we could not hear now speak to us of God's hope and joy.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

* SUNG RESPONSE *Glory to God (Taizé)* (see insert)

HEARING THE WORD

EPISTLE READING Galatians 3:23-29 (see insert)
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon

SPECIAL MUSIC *Draw the Circle Wider* Mark Miller
Singers: Kevin Crowe, Betty Niquette, Barbara Stimson, Laura Sugg, Don Tolin

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 *Presby. 101: Drawing the Circle Wider* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder
Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded.

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet.

Christ teaches us

**to go beyond legal requirements
in serving and helping our neighbor,
to treat our neighbor's needs as our own,
to care passionately for the other's good,
to share what we have.**

**We are obligated to speak the truth in love,
to listen with patience and openness,
to love our enemies,
to accept the risk and pain
which love involves.**

--from A Declaration of Faith (1977)

* HYMN *For Everyone Born* (see insert)
(Kevin sings Verse 1, then congregation sings)

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *How Big Is God?* Stuart Hamblin

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING *Praise God, from Whom All...* (see yellow insert)

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS Sean Mestdagh, Betty Piperato
There are varieties of gifts, but it is the Same Spirit who gives them. Laura Sugg

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ...

When invited, please join in the following prayer:

**God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ,
trusting us with the message of reconciliation:
give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us;
that together we may declare your wonderful deeds
and show your love to the world;
through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

* HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (see insert)

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

POSTLUDE *The Glory Of God In Nature* Ludwig Van Beethoven

Please come to Fellowship Hall for coffee, conversation, & "Father's Day" BBQ!

Pulpit Elder: Jo Ann Flores

Greeter: Jeff Stimson

Ushers: Jeff Stimson & Ted Willis

Outdoor Worship Advisor: Ralph Hecox

Deacon Reader: Jeanne Miller

Children's Time: Roxanne Foster

Sound Engineer: Sean Mestdagh



Presby. 101

*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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