

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 *Sanctus* Charles F. Gounod

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

On this day, which is holy, we gather, not alone, but as Christ's Body;

as ones who would suffer together, we gather.

On this day of wonder and hope, we gather, not in isolation, but in community;

as those who would care for one another, we gather.

On this day of prayer and praise, of silence and song,
we gather, not with empty hands, but with full hearts;

as those baptized in grace's tears, we gather.

Friends, let us worship God.

The Lord's name be praised.

* HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* (see insert)

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

We come before God to find new life by laying down the burden of always being "right."

Trusting in God's mercy, let us pray together, saying,

Loving God,

**you know that our hearts are sometimes hardened
towards those with whom we disagree.**

**Forgive us. Soften our hearts and our faces,
open our ears and spirits to those we might**

call the enemy, "those people," or simply misguided.

Work in the church to make us one body,

letting go of our need to be right

and, instead, seeking to be loving.

Make us reconcilers like Jesus. Only you can do this.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. God's Spirit is upon us: that Spirit of forgiveness,
that Spirit of grace, that Spirit of unity with all people.

Today, and in all the days to come, God's Spirit is with us.

Thanks be to the One who is our joy, our strength, our hope.

Praise God! We are forgiven! Amen.

* SUNG RESPONSE *Glory to God Whose Goodness...* (see insert)

HEARING THE WORD

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES READING Acts 15:1-21 (selected verses)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Come Thou Fount* Arr. Bob Krogstad

Kevin Crowe, tenor

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: Presbyterians Do It Decently & in Order*** Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder

The diversity in the early church caused tension and conflict.

**Yet the Spirit bound them into one body,
enriched by their differences.**

**We know that the same Spirit gives us a unity
we cannot create or destroy.**

**The Spirit moves among us
not to end diversity or compel uniformity,
but to overcome divisiveness and bitterness.**

**The Spirit leads us to struggle against the lines of race and class,
the ambitions of competing parties,
the loyalties to individuals and traditions, that divide us.**

**The Spirit impels us to make the unity of Christians
visible to a divided world, and assures us that we shall be one. Amen.**

--from A Declaration of Faith (1977)

* HYMN *Though I May Speak* (see insert)

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

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY	<i>Give Me Jesus</i>	Arr. Mark Hayes
*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING	<i>Praise God, from Whom All...</i>	(see insert)
* PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Laura Sugg
* HYMN	<i>We All Are One in Mission</i> Verses 1 & 2	(see insert)
* CHARGE & BENEDICTION		
* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>We All Are One in Mission</i> Verse 3	(see insert)
POSTLUDE	<i>Marching to Zion</i>	Arr. Pepper Choplin

Please come to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Jo Ann Flores	Greeter: Jeff Stimson
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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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