

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 *Praise Ye the Father* Charles F. Gounod

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

You we praise, O God! You we praise!

We will sing our songs of joy this day and in all days to come!

School has come to a close, vacations are planned, life changes from day to day.

Yet you keep your promises every day;

you hold our faithfulness in your heart.

You shower us with your hope; you offer us help in every moment.

You we praise, O God! You we praise!

Let us worship God.

* HYMN *Come, Christians Join to Sing* No. 150

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

We think life is all about us—our desires, our needs, our achievements. And so, in our pride we ignore the gospel proclaimed to us by God's love and hope for us.

Let us confess our faulty lives, as we open ourselves to God's healing grace, praying together...

We do not want you to know how our lives

do not proclaim your good news, God of all hearts,

But you have heard the words we have spoken

which injure those we love.

You see how insistent we can be in clinging to the ways

we have always lived, rather than walking your new paths.

We have trouble believing that when our souls are empty

and our hearts have only a small portion of love,

that you can do miracles in and through us.

So, what we need to know is that you indeed forgive us

and still love us, God of comfort.

Let your grace shower us and end the drought of fear and doubt

in our lives, so we can believe the good news which

comes to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Laura Sugg

Amen. Do not be sad. God feeds us with grace and hope;

God watches over us, and raises us to new life.

You we praise, Holy God,

for this good news of joy and peace for our lives.

Thanks be to God. We are forgiven! Amen.

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

HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 30 Pg. 511

The Word of the Lord.

Deacon

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *There is a Balm in Gilead* Traditional Spiritual

Kevin Crowe, Tenor

Arr. Mark Hayes

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 *Mourning into Dancing* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

Front of Hymnal Pg. 14

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

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *If With All Your Hearts* Felix Mendelssohn

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The God of prophets and widows be with you!

And also with you.

Offer your hearts to God, who prepares this Table for you.

We will trust the one who fills us with grace and hope.

Praise the Creator for all the goodness which is ours.

We will sing glad songs to God with every breath we take!

You we praise,...

...we speak of that mystery we call faith:

Christ died, so we would not weep;

Christ is risen, so we would not fear;

Christ will come, so we will glorify God.

You we praise...

...God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

SERVING COMMUNION

(Bread is taken individually. Juice/wine is taken together; wine is in outer rings of tray.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

**Loving God, We thank you that you have
fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
in your eternal realm.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN *Lord, When I Came Into this Life* No. 522

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***May the Lord go with you as you leave this place
May the Lord go with you as you celebrate His grace.
May you be surrounded by His love unbounded,
May the Lord go with you as you leave this place.***

POSTLUDE *Grand Chorus in B Flat* Theodore Dubois

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.



*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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