

## 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                      *Fantasia On "America The Beautiful"*                      Rex Koury

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand)                      Elder

Sing praises to our Lord:

**who heals us and makes us whole.**

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:

**whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.**

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God;

give thanks to God's holy name:

**God's Kingdom is near to us; God's peace resides in our hearts.**

\* HYMN                      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*                      No. 276

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

Unlike ours, God's anger does not last. But God's favor, God's grace, God's forgiveness are for us, not just in this moment, but forever. How can we not want to confess to such a One who is ready to heal us? Please join me as we pray, saying,

**Holy One,**

**why is it that we can grow so weary of doing what is right,**

**yet always energetically do that**

**which we know is harmful to us and others?**

**We sow seeds of hurt and anger,**

**and wonder why we harvest so much bitterness.**

**We spend too much time comparing ourselves to those around us,**

**and too few moments in following Christ's example.**

**Rather than letting our failures gloat over us,**

**Healing God, we would open ourselves to your mercy and grace.**

**As you reach out to heal us with your forgiveness,**

**may we embrace your love, your mercy, your grace for our lives.**

**As you pour out your Spirit of gentleness,**

**may we bring the peace of our Lord and Savior,**

**Jesus Christ, to all the world.**

*(A time for silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Amen. Sing praises to our God, faithful children.

God has heard our prayers and made us whole.

**We will not be silent,**

**but will sing our joy to the One who has forgiven us  
and made us a new creation.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Laura Sugg

\* SUNG RESPONSE

*Glory to God (Taize)*

(see insert)

## HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 18:15-25

Pg.66

The word of the Lord.

Deacon Reader

**Thanks be to God.**

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: Constitutions & Confessions***

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

*God Bless America*

Irving Berlin

\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING *Praise God, from Whom All...*

(see insert)

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Laura Sugg

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

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

**O God,**  
**you have greatly loved us,**  
**long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.**  
**Give us grace**  
**that in everything we may yield ourselves,**  
**our wills and our works,**  
**a continual thank-offering to you;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* No. 538

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\* 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 *The Stars and Stripes Forever* John Phillip Sousa

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

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Pulpit Elder: Brenda Cavanaugh      Deacon Reader: Linda Johnston  
Greeter: Jeff Stimson                  Children's Time: Roxanne Foster  
Ushers: Kerry Gardner & Chuck Miller      Sound Engineer: Ralph Hecox  
Communion Servers: Caroline Clovesko, Sonia Hills, Chet Myers  
Flowers: Lori Golightly

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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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