

## 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      *Be Thou My Vision*      Arr. By Tedd Smith and Don Hustad  
Organ/Piano Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS      The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Sugg  
Learn hymn, *Bring Many Names*, Sing the Faith No. 2047      Kevin Crowe

WHIZ KIDS AND SOJOURNERS VIDEOS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand)      Elder

Thanks be to you, O God that we have risen this day,

**To the rising of this life itself.**

Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

**The hand of God between us and each hand.**

The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

**The love of Christ between us and each love.**

O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day.

**Bring us to the guiding light of eternity.**

\* HYMN      *God is Here*      No. 461  
(verses 1, 3, and 4)

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated)      Elder

Let us pray...

**Eternal God, maker of the skies above,**

**lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,**

**Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters,**

**in earth, sea and sky, you are there.**

**O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns,**

**soul behind all souls, in everything we touch,**

**in everyone we meet, your presence is around us,**

**and we give you thanks.**

**But when we have not touched but trampled you in creation,**

**when we have not met but missed you in one another,**

**when we have not received but rejected you in the poor,**

**forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.**

*(A time for silent prayer.)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE      Laura Sugg

Amen. Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly  
sorry and seek to renew their lives: Your sins are forgiven.

**Lead us now, O God, to acknowledge your costly generosity  
by living as forgiven people, until heaven and earth rejoice  
and the whole earth cries Glory! Amen.**

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

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the High-est  
Glory to God, Glory to God, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!**

## HEARING THE WORD

EPISTLE READING      1 Corinthians 14:30-40      Deacon Reader

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC      Xylophone Music  
Xylophone Players from WPC

EPISTLE READING      Romans 16:1-16      Laura Sugg

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      ***Skeptics Welcome: Playing the Woman Card in Church***      Laura Sugg

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand)      The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)  
Front of Hymnal Pg. 14

MINUTE FOR MISSION      Whiz Kids Tutoring      Angie Kinney

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *This Is My Father's World* Arr. by Tedd Smith & Don Hustad

\*OFFERING *Praise God from Whom...* Tune: All Creatures of Our God & King

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all crea-tures high and low. Al-le-lu-ia! (2x)  
Praise God, in Je-sus ful-ly known:  
Cre-a-tor, Word, and Spir-it one. Al-le-lu-ia! (5x)***

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (see yellow insert)  
*(Bread is taken individually. Juice/wine is taken together;  
wine is in outer rings of tray.)*

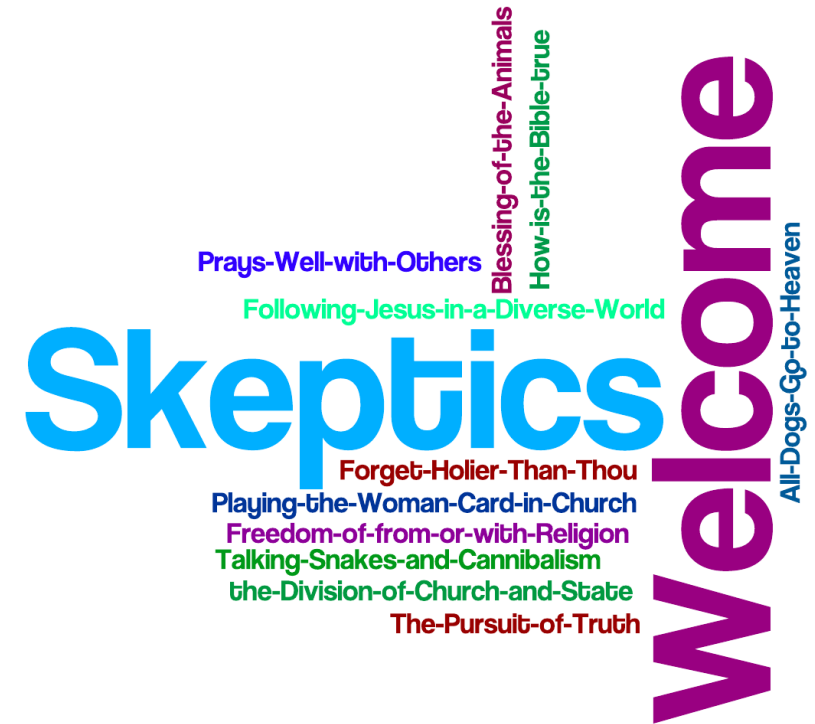
\* HYMN *Bring Many Names* Sing the Faith No. 2047  
(verses 1,2,3, and 6)

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sing the Faith 2223 Verse 1)  
***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 *Great Is The Lord* Arr. by Tedd Smith & Don Hustad

*Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments 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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