

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 *Ricercare On "St. Anne", Our God, Our Help In Ages Past* Arr. Gordon Young

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

We gather today, seeking the peace Christ gives.

**We gather, in spite of many a conflict, many a doubt,
within our souls.**

We gather, longing for the breath of God's Spirit,
to give us courage and renewal.

Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest.

**Bless us through the power of your Spirit,
and give us the courage to live as your disciples day by day. Amen.**

* HYMN *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* No. 260

CALL TO PRAYER & PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder

Lord God, early in the morning in the multicolored company of your Church
on earth and in heaven we celebrate your creation, your life,
your death and resurrection, your interest in us:
so to you we pray,

**Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired,
new love where we have turned hard-hearted,
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded,
and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit
where we are the prisoners of ourselves.**

(A time for silent prayer.)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. To all and to each where regret is real,
God pronounces pardon and grants us the right to begin again.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

1. *Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has par-doned me,
and to the Spir-it, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the be-gin-ning,
is now and ev-er shall be. A-men.*

2. *World without end, without end. A-men.
World without end, without end. A-men.
World without end, without end. A-men.
As it was in the be-gin-ning,
is now and ev-er shall be. A-men.*

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM READING Psalm 14 pg. 500

EPISTLE READING 1 Timothy 1:12-17 pg. 199
The word of the Lord. Deacon

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Amazing Grace* Arr. Kenneth W. Staton

TIME FOR CHILDREN *(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 *Terror Will Not Win* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Elder

**We acknowledge God is at work here and now
when people show personal concern for each other
and work to make helping agencies,
including the church itself, more compassionate.**

**We believe God sends us
to risk our own peace and comfort
in compassion for our neighbors.**

**We are to give to them and receive from them,
accepting everyone we meet as a person;
to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind;
to help and accept help**

in ways that affirm dignity and responsibility.

**We must not limit our compassion to those we judge deserving,
for we ourselves do not deserve the compassion of God. Amen.**

—A Declaration of Faith (1977)

*HYMN *Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven* No. 479

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
Arr. Robert J. Hughes

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Al-le-lu-ia, (2x)

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Cr-e-ator, Word, and Spir-it one. Al-le-lu-ia, (5x)

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Your word is a lamp for our feet.

In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy,

help us, Holy God,

to trust your love,

to serve your purpose,

and to praise your name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

No. 210

* 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

Stars and Stripes Forever

John Philip Sousa

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Sean Mestdagh

Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly

Greeter: Doris Wolff

Ushers: Jeff Stimson & Ted Willis

Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette

Children's Time: Laura Sugg

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“Just as surely as God desires to lead us to a knowledge of genuine Christian fellowship, so surely must we be overwhelmed by a great disillusionment with others, with Christians in general, and, if we are fortunate, with ourselves. . . . The one who loves the dream of a community more than the Christian community itself becomes a destroyer of the latter . . .”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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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