

## 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      *God of Glory*      David Paxton

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand)      Elder

The word has come for us from God:

**who promises to shelter us under the wings of hope and grace.**

The word has come to us from Jesus:

**who encourages us to remember the good news we have received.**

The word flows to us from the Spirit:

**who reminds us to place our hope and trust in God. Amen.**

\* HYMN      *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*      No. 466

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

In God's presence, our lives are exposed, our words are shown for their hollowness, our need is revealed. Let us confess who we are, as we ask God to embrace us with grace and hope. Let us pray...

**We need to confess, God of all, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer.**

**Tempted by everything,**

**we can become insensitive to those who have nothing.**

**Encouraged by the world to accumulate more,**

**we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness.**

**Chasing after all which has no value,**

**we may not have the energy to pursue**

**the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us.**

**Forgive us, God of Reversals.**

**You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to in order to have life.**

**Help us to remember how you have redeemed us,**

**and in remembering,**

**may we make that good confession**

**that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever.**

*(A time for silent prayer)*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Laura Sugg

Amen. This is the good news that comes from God: I will hear your prayers, I will answer with hope and peace, I will deliver you from your sins.

**God has covered us with grace; under God's hope we will find shelter. Thanks be to God. 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 Timothy 6:6-19      Pg. 202

The word of the Lord.

Deacon Reader

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM      *I Will Serve the Lord*      John Mohr and Randall Dennis

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      *What Disciples Do: Disciples Practice Generosity*      Laura Sugg

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand)      Elder

**We believe that we have been created**

**to relate to God and each other**

**in freedom and responsibility.**

**We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility**

**by trying to live without God and other people**

**or against God and other people.**

**Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being,**

**and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them.**

**Since every human being is**

**for communion with God and others**

**we must treat no one with contempt.**

**We are to respect and love all other people**

**and ourselves as well. Amen.**

—from *A Declaration of Faith* (1977)

\* HYMN      *Lord of All Good*      No. 375

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER  
(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

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WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

*Pastorale*

Hall W. Macklin

\*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)**

\* CLOSING RESPONSES

Laura Sugg

Look at your hands, see the touch and the tenderness,

**God's own for the world.**

Look at your feet, see the path and the direction,

**God's own for the world.**

Look at your heart, see the fire and the love,

**God's own for the world.**

Look at the cross, see God's Son and our Savior,

**God's own for the world.**

This is God's world,

**And we will serve God in it. Amen.**

\* HYMN

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

No. 428

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* (see insert)

POSTLUDE

*Gloria*

Wolfgang A. Mozart

*Please come to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation!*

Pulpit Elder: Sean Mestdagh

Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly

Greeter: Sonia Hills

Children's Time: Kevin Crowe

Ushers: Brenda Cavanaugh & Tracy Langworthy



*Disciples Give Generously*

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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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