

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 *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain*
Arr. Arthur S. Sullivan and Mary McDonald

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Whether we live in an apartment or a house;
if we reside in the suburbs or the city:

God tells us to pray for the places where we live.

Whether we are exiles or prisoners for the gospel;
if we are young, old, insider, outcast:

God says, 'when you search for me, you will find me.'

Whether we have been wandering and lost;
or if we have lived in the same town all our lives:

God says, 'I will gather you from all your places and bring you home.'

* HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* No. 464

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

Despite our foolish and angry words, God continues to speak of mercy to us.
Despite our best efforts to be faithless in our living, God remains faithful in keeping
the promise to forgive us and restore us to wholeness. Let us confess to God, so
that God's hope and grace might endure in our brokenness. Let us pray...

**God beyond borders, we know that on our way to worship,
we may not have noticed the exiles in our neighborhoods.**

**We admit how easy it is for us to wander down the streets of temptation,
pausing at the corner of easy choices.**

**Encouraged by the world to accumulate more,
we pause at the corner of easy choices.**

**We fall silent in the presence of those who speak words of anger and hate.
Have mercy on us, O God, for surely you take the side of justice.**

Open our hearts to all the wonders you are performing in our lives.

**You send us friends out of places we least expect,
that our community might be enriched.**

**You call us to be generous with our blessings, so others
might be graced with the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. God challenges us, God encourages us. God confronts us,
and God accepts us. God works wonders in our midst and
gives us the eyes, the hearts, the souls to see such miracles.

**God forgives us; God guides us through the wilderness;
God leads us home. 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Pg. 750
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon Reader

ANTHEM *Be With Us Now, O Lord* Jay Althouse

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 Make the Best of "Babylon"*** Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder
**"We declare God's goodness and justice.
God has blessed us beyond our deserving.
When we forget the Lord and worship our possessions,
when we fail to deal justly with the poor,
when we seek security no matter what it costs others,
we can expect God's judgment upon us.
We testify that God is faithful.
Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful." Amen.**
—Adapted from *A Declaration of Faith* (1977)

* HYMN *My Life Flows On* STF No. 2212
(choir sings verse 1 and congregation joins for 2-4)

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Jeanne Miller

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

Adagio Cantabile

Felix Mendelssohn
Ed. Donald P. Hustad

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

Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all crea-tures high and low. Al-le-lu-ia, (2x)
Praise God, in Jesus ful-ly known:
Cr-e-ator, Word, and Spir-it one. Al-le-lu-ia, (5x)***

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Laura Sugg

* HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me?

STF No. 2130

* CHARGE & BLESSING

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

POSTLUDE

Recessional in C

Douglas E. Wagner

Please come to Fellowship Hall for the Stewardship Kickoff Luncheon!

Pulpit Elder: Jo Ann Flores
Greeter: Jeff Stimson
Ushers: Bill and Karen Powers

Deacon Reader: Nancy Rosi
Children's Time: Betsy Smith
Sound Engineer: Todd Griess

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*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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