

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 *How Can I Keep from Singing?* Robert Lowry Arr. Lorie Line
Ridge Ringers Handbell setting Kevin McChesney

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

What right have we to invoke God's name
on what we say and do here together?

**In Christ we have been called to be God's people
and given God's Spirit and Word.**

Have we the courage to worship in spirit and in truth,
knowing that it may change us?

**We have come to seek, to find, and to be found
with confidence not in ourselves but in God.**

* HYMN *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* No. 145

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Please be seated) Elder

Let us pray...

Gracious God,

**You promise to love us with a love that will not fail,
but we are reluctant to believe.**

When trials come, we see you as absent rather than close.

**We live as if your love makes no claim on
our choices, our relationships, our priorities.**

**Help us to see you in the struggle,
to know that your love blesses — even in the dark valleys.**

Forgive us for our foolish choices and thoughtless deeds.

**We trust in your mercy, and hold fast to hope of new life
through Jesus Christ.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ; and Christ died for us,

Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone;
a new life has begun. Friends, believe the Good News.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 32:22-31 Pg. 750
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon Reader

ANTHEM *Lift Every Voice: Let All Rejoice* arr. Hal Hopson

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.***

* HYMN *Child of Blessing* No. 438
(sing verse 1)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Aubrey Lynn Powers
daughter of Brandon & Jenn Powers,
grandchild of Bill & Karen Powers, David & Elaine Rossbach, great-grandchild of Dolores Freel

* HYMN *Child of Blessing* No. 438
(sing verse 4)

SERMON ***What Disciples Do: Disciples Wrestle with God*** Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Caroline Clovesko

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *For the Beauty of the Earth* Conrad Kochner
Ridge Ringers Arr. Kevin McChesney

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING *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***

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Laura Sugg

Leader: O God of life, of all life and of each life, we lay our lives before you.
We give our lives to you, from whom nothing in us is hidden.

Women/Girls: You are before us, God, you are behind;

Men/Boys: You are around us, God, you are within.

Leader: O God of life, you know the secret thoughts of every heart.

Women/Girls: We bring the faith that is in us, and the doubt;

Men/Boys: We bring the joy that is in us, and the sorrow.

Leader: O God of life, you are in the light and in the darkness.

Women/Girls: We bring the knowledge that is in us, and the ignorance.

Men/Boys: We bring the hope that is in us, and the despair.

Leader: O God of life, O generous Spirit,

All: Renew us with your life, today, tomorrow, and always. Amen.

* HYMN

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

No. 384

BRIEF CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Laura Sugg, Moderator

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* 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

March Pontificale

Jacques Lemmens

Please come to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Allan Hills

Greeter: Jeff Stimson

Ushers: Brenda Cavanaugh & Tracy Langworthy

Deacon Reader: Nancy Rosi

Children's Time: Linda Valo

Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette

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Disciples Wrestle with God

*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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