

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 *Festive Celebration on "Arlington"* Arr. Gilbert Martin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Janette Powers

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Come and see what God has done.

God is awesome in God's deeds.

God has sent redemption to us
and made with us a covenant.

Praise the Lord!

* HYMN *When Morning Gilds the Skies* No. 487

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Please be seated) Elder

Let us pray...

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

**We keep our distance from you,
for we are broken and sick with sin.**

Yet you see us, cleanse us, and make us whole.

**Forgive us when we forget to return to you—
have mercy when we fail to praise your name,
and help us to exude the faith that makes us well.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Olivia L. Hudson Smith

Amen. Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear the good news:

Your call has been answered, Christ has healed you, and forgives your sin
with glad hearts, return praise to God.

* 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

GOSPEL READING Luke 17:11-19 Pg. 73

The word of the Lord.

Deacon Reader

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Blessed Be the Name* Arr. Benjamin Harlan

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 *Borderlands* Olivia Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder

**The church responds to the message of reconciliation
in praise and prayer.**

**In that response it commits itself afresh to its mission,
experiences a deepening of faith and obedience,
and bears open testimony to the gospel.**

Adoration of God

is acknowledgement of the Creator by the creation.

Confession of sin

**is admission of every person's guilt before God
and of their need for God's forgiveness.**

Thanksgiving is

**rejoicing in God's goodness to all people
and in giving for the needs of others.**

Petitions and intercessions

**are addressed to God for the continuation of divine goodness,
the healing of human ills,
and deliverance from every form of oppression.**

Now to him who by the power within us

**is able to do to far more abundantly than all we ask or think,
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations forever and ever Amen.**

--Excerpts from *The Confession of 1967*

* HYMN *O Christ the Healer* No. 380

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Come Unto Me* Arr. John M. Rasley

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING *Praise God from Whom All...*
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 Olivia Smith

Like the shepherds in Bethlehem's field, like the leper healed who returned to Jesus, like the Jews and Gentiles of the early church, we praise and glorify your name, O God. You have given us more than we could have imagined! For tidings of joy, for wholeness received, for the gift of belonging we thank you. Make of us, as well as these gifts, offerings of good news to the poor, reconciliation for the marginalized, justice for the oppressed, hope to the hopeless, and signs of your power to redeem. We ask all things in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

* HYMN *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* No. 399

* CHARGE & BENECTION

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

POSTLUDE *Grand Chorus in B Flat* Theodore Dubois
edited by Donald P. Hustad

Please come to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation!

Pulpit Elder: Allan Hills
Greeter: Jeff Stimson
Ushers: Jeff Stimson and Ted Willis
Announcements: Janette Powers

Deacon Reader: Nancy Rosi
Children's Time: Roxanne Foster
Sound Engineer: Sean Mestdagh
Flowers: Betsy Smith



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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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