

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 *Prelude in F Major* Johann Sebastian Bach

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

The God who is greater than we will ever understand,

is humbled to become one of us.

The God who is more loving than our hearts dare imagine,

gives us more grace than we ever realize.

The God who is wiser than we will ever know,

teaches us all we need to become God's children.

Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised!

* HYMN *God of Our Life* No. 275

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

We often think God is 'out there' somewhere, distant and uncaring.

But God hears our hearts; God shares our struggles; God walks with us as we try to be faithful disciples. Let us come to the One who is as close as the very breath we take in this moment to confess the brokenness of our lives.

Please join me as we pray,

**We are so easily confused by what the world tells us, Watching God,
that we forget the stories of faith we heard as children.**

We are so fearful of tomorrow

that we are not aware of your Spirit with us today.

We are so busy wondering 'what if?' or 'suppose?'

that we cannot hear the promises you whisper to us.

So once again, Gracious God, have mercy on us.

You know our hearts so well; touch them with your grace.

You see our deepest fears; heal them with your peace.

You hear our secret longings; speak to them of your hope.

This, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Laura Sugg

Amen. The One who searches our broken hearts

has found the way to mend them and make us new people.

The good news is that everything God has done in Christ is for us,
that we might be made whole.

With kindness and with justice, God makes us new people.

We will sing our thanks through all eternity.

Great is God and greatly to be praised! Amen.

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

1. *Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,* 2. *World without end, without end. A-men.*

and to the Son, whose grace has par-doned me, *World without end, without end. A-men.*

and to the Spir-it, whose love has set me free. *World without end, without end. A-men.*

As it was in the be-gin-ning, *As it was in the be-gin-ning,*

is now and ev-er shall be. A-men *is now and ev-er shall be. A-men*

HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Job 19:23-27a p. 471

The word of the Lord.

Deacon Reader

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *In the Garden/What A Friend* Brant Adams

STORY TIME *The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams Laura Sugg

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

Front of Hymnal p. 14

LITURGY FOR RECONCILIATION

Respond to "God in your mercy" with "**Hear our prayer.**"

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal p. 16

(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Amazing Grace* Traditional Hymn
Arr. Mark Hayes

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING Tune: Hymnal No. 422
*God, whose giv—ing knows no end—ing, From your rich and endless store,
Nature’s won—der, Jesus’ wis—dom, Costly cross, grave’s shattered door:
Gifted by You, we turn to You, Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise for—ev—er, Gracious don—or of our days.*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) Laura Sugg
**We dedicate our lives and all that we have
to the work of life, of love, of peace.
Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.**

* HYMN *Jesus Loves Me!* No. 304

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE STF 2223 v. 1 & Refrain
***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 *Allegro Maestoso* G.F. Handel

Please come to Fellowship Hall for a reception honoring the service of Addie Crabbe.

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Story Time

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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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