

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 *Themes From The Four Seasons: The First of Spring* Antonio Vivaldi
Ridge Ringers Arr. By Andrea Handley

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Blessed be the Lord God who looks with kindness on us.

**We are the inheritors of the promises
made long ago to our ancestors.**

Blessed be the Lord God who gathers us here in this place.

**From across the street, from halfway around the world,
God brings us home to the heart of grace.**

Blessed be the Lord God who has remembered us.

**Scoffers and singers, watchers and wigglers,
we are those redeemed by God.**

* HYMN *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* No. 457
(Bring forward fruits and vegetables to the Communion Table)

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Please be seated) Elder

Please join me as we pray,

**In these moments, Remembering God, we bring to you
all the ways we have not lived as your people:**

We stand by watching while those in need struggle to survive;

We cast our lots with those who worship power and success;

We offer insults rather than words of grace to those who care for us;

We scoff at your words which call us to a different lifestyle.

Forgive us, God of Mercy, for not knowing what we do to you,

**to others, to ourselves. Speak to us through Jesus Christ,
our King and Savior, who bears words filled with your tender mercy
and gracious hope.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. This is the good news: God remembers! Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers us—redeems us!

**God prepares the way for us—the way to grace, to hope,
to new life. Joyfully, we offer our thanks to God. Amen.**

* 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

EPISTLE READING Colossians 1:11-20 p. 191-192
The word of the Lord. Deacon Reader
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Praise to the King* Arr. Gregg Sewell

SERMON *Disciples Give Ultimate Allegiance to Christ* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

His resurrection is a decisive victory

over the powers that deform and destroy human life.

His lordship is hidden.

**The world appears to be dominated by people and systems
that do not acknowledge his rule.**

But his lordship is real.

It demands our loyalty and sets us free

from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.

We maintain that ultimate sovereignty

now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.

—from A Declaration of Faith (1977)

* HYMN *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer* No. 223

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal p. 16
(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *The Four Seasons: The Entrance of Autumn* Antonio Vivaldi
Ridge Ringers Arr. Andrea Handley

* 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
Gracious God,
we thank you for the glimpses of your glory,
and the whispered words of your promise,
which help us to continue from day to day.
Help us to press onward in the journey of faith,
trusting your grace for today and tomorrow,
accepting the cost and joy of discipleship to
Jesus Christ our faithful guide and King. Amen.

* HYMN Crown Him with Many Crowns No. 151
You’re invited to come forward and place an offering in
“Wilbur” or the basket for local hunger relief and a clinic in Zimbabwe.

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* 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 Antonio Vivaldi
The Four Seasons: Reprise Arr. Andrea Handley
Ridge Ringers

Please come to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation!

Pulpit Elder: Marny Eulberg	Deacon Reader: Jeff Stimson
Greeter: Jeff Stimson	Time With Children: Roxanne Foster
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette	Flowers: Carolyn Steffen & Roxanne Foster
Ushers: Maxine Foster & Jim Niquette	



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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.*

*Reign of Christ & Harvest Table Sunday
November 20, 2016*