

## 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      *Psalm 19*      Benedetto Marcello  
Organ/Piano Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano      Arr. Lani Smith

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand)      Elder

Rejoice in what God is creating: a new heaven and a new earth!

**The Lord is our strength and our song.**

**We will draw water with joy from the springs of salvation.**

Remember your baptism and give thanks: celebrate all that Christ has done.

**The Lord is our salvation; we will trust and not be afraid.**

God rejoices in creation, and we are the people of God's delight.

**The Lord's name is exalted.**

**We will sing, because God has done glorious things!**

\* HYMN      *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*      No. 422

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated)      Elder

Let us pray...

**God of peace we confess we are a people of fear.**

**We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights.**

**We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension.**

**We confess we have ignored your command not to be afraid.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Calm our hearts, and renew in us the ability to find comfort in you.**

*(A time for silent prayer.)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE      Isaiah 65:17-18

Amen. The prophet Isaiah assures us:      Laura Sugg

**God is building a new heaven and a new earth;**

**The former things will not be remembered or come to mind.**

Forgiven and freed, rejoice in what the Lord is creating in you, in me, in all creation. 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING      Isaiah 65:17-25      Pg. 713

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**      Deacon Reader

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.***

ANTHEM      *This Little Light of Mine*      lyrics by Avis Burgeson Christiansen  
Children of WPC      tune Harry Dixon Loes

SERMON      ***What Disciples Do: Disciples Take Their Faith Public***      Laura Sugg

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand)      Elder

**In Christ, God gave us a glimpse of the new creation**

**God has already begun and will surely finish.**

**We do not know when the final day will come.**

**In our time we see only broken and scattered signs**

**that the renewal of all things is under way.**

**We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering**

**in the world, the church, or our own lives.**

**But we see Jesus as Lord.**

**As he stands at the center of our history,**

**we are confident he will stand at its end.**

**He will judge all people and nations.**

**Evil will be condemned**

**and rooted out of God's good creation.**

**There will be no more tears or pain.**

**All things will be made new.**

**The fellowship of human beings with God**

**and each other will be perfected. Amen.**

—from *A Declaration of Faith* (1977)

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

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY      *Faith of Our Fathers*      Tune "St. Catherine"  
Organ/Piano Duet Betty Niquette, Piano      Arr. Lani Smith

\* 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) Isaiah 65:17, 25  
Laura Sugg

**God of the wolf and the lamb, the lion and the ox,  
we give thanks for these gifts  
and pray they might be agents of your peace.  
May they serve your creation  
as we seek your new heaven and new earth.  
Help us take these gifts out into a world  
filled with distress and calm it.  
Help us take these gifts out into a world  
filled with pain and heal it.  
Help us take these gifts out into a world  
filled with silence and speak up in Jesus' name. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Laura Sugg

Invitation to the Lord's Table  
Prayer of Consecration  
Serving Communion  
*Bread is taken individually. Juice/Wine is taken together. Wine is in the outer rings of tray.*  
Prayer After Communion

\* HYMN No. 414  
*As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*  
*(The congregation is invited to bring forward their pledge cards  
and place them in the basket.)*

\* 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 National Hymn  
Arr. Lani Smith  
*God of Our Fathers*  
Organ/Piano Duet, Betty Niquette, piano

*Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation!*



## *Disciples Take Their Faith Public*

*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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