

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	<i>Prelude</i>	P.C. Hartung
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Sugg
* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand)		Elder
Listen, for the voice of God comes near! Listen, for God's voice is not obtrusive. We come to worship the God who became one of us, Who calls us by name, Who is Love Incarnate, Who is! Let us gather together in joy and hope— Let us worship the God of love!		
* HYMN	<i>When Morning Guilds the Skies</i>	No. 487
PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated)		Elder
Let us pray, God, of open arms and loving eyes, you see us as we are and love us. When we think ourselves wise, put together, under control, help us to see the foolishness, unpredictability, and abandonment of your love. When you call us to discipleship, give us childlike hearts to follow, immediately. When we are weak, help us to know your strength, and when we are strong, help us to know your weakness. May your mercy free us to live new lives, shaped by the love and example of Jesus. <i>(A time for silent prayer)</i>		
ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE		Laura Sugg
Amen. As one who is with you in the household of faith I declare to you that you are forgiven sinners. As those who are with you in the household of faith, we declare to you that are a forgiven sinner. Praise God, who freely forgives all who turn to Christ. Amen!		
* SUNG RESPONSE	<i>Glory to God...</i>	(see insert)
1. <i>Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,</i> 2. <i>World without end, without end. A-men.</i> <i>and to the Son, whose grace has par-doned me,</i> <i>World without end, without end. A-men.</i> <i>and to the Spir-it, whose love has set me free.</i> <i>World without end, without end. A-men.</i> <i>As it was in the be-gin-ning,</i> <i>As it was in the be-gin-ning,</i> <i>is now and ev-er shall be. A-men.</i> <i>is now and ev-er shall be. A-men.</i>		

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OLD TESTAMENT READING	Micah 6:1-8	Pg. 891
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 4:12-23	Pg. 3-4
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.		Deacon
TIME FOR CHILDREN <i>(As the children come forward, please join in singing.)</i> <i>This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.</i> <i>Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.</i>		
SERMON	<i>Immediate Trust</i>	Laura Sugg
<u>RESPONDING TO THE WORD</u>		
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand)		Elder
We believe Jesus gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet. Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patientness and openness, to love our enemies. to accept the risk and the pain which love involves. <i>—from A Declaration of Faith (1977)</i>		
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER		Front of Hymnal Pg. 16
<i>(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")</i>		
WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING		
OFFERTORY	<i>Judas Maccabaeus</i>	G.F. Handel
* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING	<i>Doxology</i>	No. 591/2

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We praise you, God for you are gracious.
You have loved us from the beginning of time
and remember us when we are in trouble.

Your mercy endures forever.

We praise you, God, for you came to us in Jesus Christ,
who redeemed the world and saved us from our sins.

Your mercy endures forever.

We praise you God, for you send us your Holy Spirit,
to make us holy and lead us all into all truth.

Your mercy endures forever. Amen.

* HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* No. 442 vv. 1,2 &5

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING See Annual Report

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***May the Lord go with you as you leave this place,
May the Lord go with you as you celebrate His grace.
May you be surrounded by His love unbounded,
May the Lord go with you as you leave this place.***

POSTLUDE *Organ Piece* J.H. Knecht

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Caroline Clovesko Deacon Reader: Betty Piperato
Greeter: Jeff Stimson Ushers: Brenda Cavanaugh & Tracy Langworthy
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette Children's Time: Laura Sugg

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*“You made us for yourself, O Lord,
and our hearts are restless
until they find their rest in You.”*
--Augustine

*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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