

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 on "Amazon"* Jason D. Payne
Arr. Carl G. Glaser

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder
Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
What does the Holy One require of us?
To be just, kind, and humble before God.
Let us worship God.

* HYMN *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* No. 145

CALL TO PRAYER & PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder
All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; Romans 3:23-24
yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace
through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Let us pray,
God of glory, we confess
that we have not sought your face.
We adore the high and mighty
and ignore your humble servant.
We act with prejudice and partiality
and fail to share your love for all.
Forgive us, God of Grace.
Pour out the power of your Spirit,
and renew us in our calling:
to show the wonder of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg
Amen. As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, Matthew 3:17
God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved;
With you I am well pleased. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

* SUNG RESPONSE *Glory to God...*
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

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12 Pg. 4
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Deacon

ANTHEM *The Gift to Be Simple* Dale Wood

TIME FOR CHILDREN (*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 ***Peacemakers, Troublemakers*** Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder
We believe that the church must together
come to know the height and the breadth
and the depth of the love of Christ.
We believe that together
we are built up in the stature of Christ,
the new humanity.
We believe that we must together
know and bear one another's burdens,
thereby fulfilling the law of Christ.
We believe that we are called
to admonish and comfort one another;
to suffer with one another
for the sake of righteousness;
to pray together
and together serve God in this world.
—Adapted from the *Confession of Belhar*

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

*HYMN *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* STF No. 2171

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Pastoral* Alex Guilman

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING *Doxology* No. 591/2

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) Laura Sugg

**God of glory,
As people brought gifts to the infant Jesus,
we bring our gifts to you.
May these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed,
to bring deliverance to those that are in need,
to support those who are poor,
and to help those who are in trouble.
Amen.**

* HYMN *O for a World* No. 386

* 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 *Adoration* Alex Guilman

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Caroline Clovesko
Greeter: Kevin J. Myers
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette

Deacon Reader: Betty Piperato
Ushers: Ralph & Marcia Hecox
Children's Time: Roxanne Foster



*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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