

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 *Our Shepherd* Arr. Anna Laura Page
Ridge Ringers

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

We come, our souls thirsting for God,
our spirits longing for love.

**We come to the One who supplies every need;
we come to the one who gives us living water.**

We come, with prayers in our hearts,
and with words too painful to speak.

**We come to the one who listens to our hearts,
who carries our suffering through eternity.**

We come, with our brokenness and loss,
with our hope to be made whole.

**We come to the One who knows all secrets,
who brings peace to all of us—and to each of us.**

* HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 281

CALL TO PRAYER & PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder

Walking the dog, reading a bedtime story, recycling newspapers – in every moment,
in every place, God is there. Let us confess how often we do not see God in our lives,
especially in how we live them. Let us pray...

**God of eternity, you know how often we travel down the rocky roads of
doubt and fear. We pester others with our worries; we hurl bitter words at
those we love. We have chances to offer ourselves in service, but give only our
contempt to those in need. We could share the living waters with the world, but
we want to store it in jars for safekeeping.**

**Fountain of Grace, you turn toward us, to meet us wherever we are. You
break open our rock-hard sin, so we might be made whole. In Jesus Christ, our
Lord and Savior, our thirst for hope and joy is quenched.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. God does not disappoint us. Our sins are forgiven, our lives made whole,
we are sent forth to serve.

**In Jesus Christ, living water breaks through the roof of our hearts
in such abundance that we don't have enough buckets to hold it all.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

* SUNG RESPONSE

No. 83 v. 5

**All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad:
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.**

HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 17:1-7 Pg. 65
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon

ANTHEM *The Call to Follow* Joseph M. Martin
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me, I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, Give Me Jesus
from A Journey to Hope: a Cantata Inspired by Spirituals

GOSPEL READING John 4:5-42 Pgs. 89-90
(selected verses) Laura Sugg

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

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 *Soul Boot Camp: Hydrate* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder

**In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching the good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.**

from A Brief Statement of Faith (1991)

*HYMN *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* (see insert)

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Arr. Arnold Shermann
Ridge Ringers

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING Tune: Hymnal No. 422
*Lord, whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, Worked your mercy's perfect deed,
We, your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose Every gift which you impart.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

* HYMN *I've Got Peace Like a River* No. 368

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 81 v. 1
*Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins,
and close by Thee to stay.*

POSTLUDE *The Heavens Are Telling* from "The Creation" Franz Josef Haydn
Organ/Piano Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano Arr. Martha Powell Setchell

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

Pulpit Elder: Ron Johnston Deacon Reader: Linda Johnston
Greeters: Bill & Jackie Trefz Ushers: Karen Powers
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette Children's Time: Linda Valo
Flowers: Jeff & Barbara Stimson

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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*

*Third Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2017*