

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 *The Palms* Jean Bapiste Faure
Organ/Piano Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano Arr. Ellen J. Lorenz

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it!

* HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* No. 88 vv. 1-3 only
Ridge Ringers

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) (Unison) Elder
Let us pray...
Triumphant God,
We join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises.
While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your will.
We sing easily of your greatness,
but living faithfully is often beyond us.
We hear of your salvation
yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you.
Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace.
Forgive what we have done and who we have been.
Lord, save us. Hosanna!

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg
Amen. The proof of God's amazing love is this. While we were sinners,
Christ died for us. He bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.
Give us the assurance of your pardon, O God,
that we may live in fullness and freedom of life,
which you have promised in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

* SUNG RESPONSE No. 88 v. 4
All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring,
Who all in good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM READINGS Psalm 118:1-2;19-29 Pgs. 575-577
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon

ANTHEM *Ride On, King Jesus* Joseph M. Martin

GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:1-11 Pg. 21
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Laura Sugg

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: Celebrate and Wait*** Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder
"In both his majesty and lowliness.
Jesus is the eternal son of God, God with us.
Religious leaders hated Jesus because he criticized their hypocrisy
and reproved their neglect of justice and mercy.
They charged him with blasphemy and sedition
when he claimed to speak and act with God's authority.
One of Jesus' followers betrayed him.
Others abandoned and denied him because they were afraid to stand with him.
He was sentenced, mocked, beaten, and crucified as a common criminal.
We confess that in the execution of Jesus
the sin of the human race reached its depths.
In the presence of Jesus, who lived out what God wants us all to be,
we were threatened beyond endurance.
Blinded by our rebellion against our Creator,
we killed God's Son when we met him face to face.
Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord." Amen.
—adapted from A Declaration of Faith (1977)

MINUTE FOR MISSION—One Great Hour of Sharing Jeanne Miller

*HYMN *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* no. 91 vv. 1 & 4

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Loud Hosanna*
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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All: Great God: we thank you for Jesus Christ, whose death brought life.

**We praise you for the trust we have in him, for mercy undeserved,
and for love you pour out on us and all your people.**

**Give us gratitude and a great desire to serve you
by taking up our cross and following in the way
of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen**

* HYMN *What Wondrous Love Is This?* No. 85

* 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 *All Glory, Laud and Honor* Arr. Lani Smith
Organ/Piano Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

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Greeter: Jeff Stimson

Sound Engineer: Sean Mestdagh

Flowers: Bob & Nancy Rosi

Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly

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