

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 Festive Trumpet* Denis Eliot

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us;

our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.

Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised!

* HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* No. 150

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

Here! Christ is here! In our hearts, in our lives, and in our midst. As on that road to Emmaus, Jesus is with us—teaching, loving, leading, feeding. Let us confess how we have overlooked the presence of the living Christ and ignored the words he whispers to our hearts, as we pray, saying,

We become comfortable, Joyous God, with our lives, with our faith, with our friends and family. We are so secure; your gospel jars us with your hopes for us. We know we should tell your story, but doesn't everyone who matters know it already? We could invite others to your table, but then we might have to share. We could welcome the strangers, but we worry they might feel uneasy among so many unfamiliar faces.

Forgive us, God of Easter. Walk with us, so we can become companions to the lost. Welcome us, so we can include the hopeless and the homeless. Love us, so we can share that love with everyone we meet on our journey, as we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into life with you.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. God loves us so much, God will listen to our cries, our prayers, our hopes, and our dreams. God's promises are for all, those who are right beside us, as well as those who live on the other side of the world.

What can we give to God for such grace? We will lift our hearts to God, giving thanks for the mercy that has been given to us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

* SUNG RESPONSE No. 108 v. 1

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM *When You Break the Bread* Ruth Elaine Schram

CHILDREN are invited forward for reading. *(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.

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:13-35 Pg. 85

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SERMON *Walking with Jesus* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

Front of Hymnal Pg. 14 Elder

MINUTE FOR MISSION: New Beginnings Jo Ann Flores

* HYMN *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* No. 454

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16

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

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS: *Installation of Elders Bob Brown and Jim Piperato, Ordination and Installation of Deacon Eleanor Fowler.*

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the Same Spirit who gives them. Laura Sugg

There are different ways of serving God,

but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,

but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ...

When invited, please join in the following prayer:

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ,

trusting us with the message of reconciliation:

give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us;

that together we may declare your wonderful deeds

and show your love to the world;

through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Here I Am, Lord* Don Schutte
Setting by John Carter
Edited by Jane Holstein

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING No. 113 v. 1
***"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Al—le—lu—ia!
All creation, join to say; Al—le—lu—ia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Al—le—lu—ia!
Sing, O heav'ns, and earth reply, Al—le—lu—ia!***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

* HYMN *Baptized in Water* No. 492

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 122 v. 1
***Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded graveclothes where Thy body lay
Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.***

POSTLUDE *Ricercare on "St. Anne"* Gordon Young

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Jo Ann Flores Ushers: Ralph & Marcia Hecox
Greeters: Eleanor Fowler and Joy Tolin Children's Time: Betsy Smith
Sound Engineer: Sean Mestdagh

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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*

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