

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* *Please stand as you are able* Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE	<i>Praeludium</i>	J. K. F. Fischer
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Sugg
* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand)		Elder
Here, in this place, in these moments, we can speak of what God has done: the One who is closer than our imagination tells us. Here, in these moments, with this people, we will sing of what God is doing: the One who lives in us, and calls us the Beloved of the Lord. In every place, at every moment, with every person, we dare to imagine what God will do: the One who will move us to serve others, to be with them as surely as God is with us. Let us worship God.		

* HYMN	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	No. 263
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CALL TO PRAYER & PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated)		Elder
Beloved, God does not disappoint those who come in hope, nor does God turn away those who approach in faith. Let us make our confession to God in hope and faith.		

Holy God, we do not understand why you keep on loving us. We hurt our loved ones. We turn our backs on need. We seek revenge for petty wrongs in petty ways. We do not understand why you keep on loving us.

Yet even as we speak these words, we know your presence and your love. We are sorry, O God, for we know that sins against one another are sins against you. Make us strong and tender, we pray, that we may live more as you would have us live. Amen.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE		Laura Sugg
Amen. God sent Jesus not to judge us, but to save us. God accepts both our courage and our fears. In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven. We dare to accept the gift of a new beginning. Amen.		

SUNG RESPONSE (Please stand as desired)		No. 108 v. 5
Christ is alive, and comes to bring Good news to this and every age, Till earth and sky and ocean ring With joy, with justice, love, and praise.		

HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL	John 14:15-21	Pg. 103
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.		Deacon
ANTHEM	<i>River in Judea</i>	Arr. John Leavitt
Lyrics by Linda Marcus; Music by Jack Feldman		
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES	Acts 17:22-28	Pg. 131
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.		Laura Sugg
TIME WITH CHILDREN (<i>As the children come forward, please join in singing.</i>)		
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	<i>The Air We Breathe</i>	Laura Sugg
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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand)		Front of Hymnal Pg. 14
The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)		Elder
* HYMN	<i>Christ of the Upward Way</i>	No. 344
* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER		Front of Hymnal Pg. 16
<i>(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")</i>		

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY	<i>Prelude in F Major</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
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*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 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* No. 438

You're invited to come forward and place an offering in
"Wilbur" or the basket for local hunger relief and a clinic in Zimbabwe.

* 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 *Prelude in C Major* Johann Sebastian Bach

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Allan Hills Deacon Reader: Linda Johnston
Greeters: Bill & Jackie Trefz Ushers: Bill & Karen Powers
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette Time with Children: Roxanne Foster
Flowers: Jeff & Barbara Stimson, Lary & Jackie Cahill

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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*

***Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2017***