

## 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 *It Is Well with My Soul* Phillip Bliss

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

The hour has come to worship our God:  
**to gather together as people of faith,  
to glorify the God of all grace.**

The time has come to devote ourselves to prayer:

**to bring the burdens we carry,  
to lift our hopes to the God who hears us.**

The hour has come to rejoice and make God's name known:

**to lift a song of thanksgiving, to praise God for all our blessings.**

Let us worship God.

\* HYMN *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!* (see insert)

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

When we look to God in prayer, are we looking for condemnation and punishment? Or do we look for the One who promises to forgive us and make us new? Let us pray to God for mercy, as we offer our confessions, saying,

**We cannot put it off any longer, Gracious God, it is time to  
confess our unfaithfulness. Our appetites for all things threaten to  
devour us like hungry animals. We are reluctant to humble ourselves to  
serve others, believing we are special. We are afraid to share in the  
sufferings of children and the elderly.**

**Forgive us, Voice of Mercy and Hope. Bless us with grace and life, so  
we might rejoice in your love, tell of your faithfulness, and join Jesus  
Christ, our Lord and Savior, in making you known to all people.**

*(A time for silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Laura Sugg

Amen. Unfailing love, the Spirit of healing, the life of faith in Christ - all are  
Easter gifts God offers to us.

**We rejoice and are glad. We are blessed: with mercy, with hope, with joy.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* SUNG RESPONSE (Please stand as desired) *Glory to God Whose ...* (see insert)

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

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 1:6-14 (see insert)  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon

SPECIAL MUSIC *Blessed Assurance* Phoebe Knapp

TIME WITH 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 *Coming Down from the Mountaintop* Laura Sugg

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand as desired) Front of Hymnal Pg. 14  
The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) Elder

\* HYMN *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* (see insert0)

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *The Trees of the Field* Stuart Dauermann

\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING *Praise God from Whom All...* Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.***

***Praise God, all creatures high and low. Al-le-lu-ia, (2x)***

***Praise God, in Jesus fully known:***

***Cr-e-ator, Word, and Spir-it one. Al-le-lu-ia, (5x)***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

\* HYMN Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (see insert)

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\* SUNG RESPONSE *The Trees of the Field* from Isaiah 55:12

***You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;*** (see insert)

***The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap,  
will clap their hands.***

***And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
while you go out with joy.***

POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress* Martin Luther

*Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.*

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Greeters: Eleanor Fowler & Joy Tolin	Usher: Pat Robbins
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette	Time with Children: Betsy Smith
Flowers: Mike and Janette Powers	Outdoor Worship Coordinator: Jeff 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*

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May 28, 2017***