

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 *Praise the Lord , Who Reigns Triumphant* David Paxton

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Day by day, God leads us:

**to the deep, deep pools of peace,
to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**to pour out ourselves in service,
to anoint the stranger with hope.**

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**the community we could be,
the family we are called to become.**

* HYMN *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* No. 483

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

It is not just material things, but the 'stuff' that makes us who we are—our hearts, our hopes, our dreams—that we have trouble sharing with others. But the more we hoard, the less we trust God to use us, and all our gifts, in the work of the kingdom. Let us entrust our brokenness to our God, that we might be made whole, as we pray saying,

Why is it so hard to trust in your grace, Generous Heart? You promise to pour out blessings upon us, but we are reluctant to let go of what we have. We put a lock on our hearts and feelings, while you share your precious Child with us. You call us home to dinner, but we would rather keep playing in the shadows of life.

Forgive us, Goodness and Mercy. Anoint us with the oil of grace, until our hearts overflow with praise. Fill us with the living waters of hope, so we can share with others. Feed us at your table of joy, so we might follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, with glad and gracious hearts.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. When we would stand on sin's shoulders, trying to peer through the windows, God throws open wide the front door, so we can come in and live forever in joy.

**We are led through death to life; we are fed at grace's table;
we are forgiven. 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

PSALM READING Psalm 23 Pg. 507

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Deacon

GOSPEL READING John 10:1-10 Pg. 98

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.

ANTHEM *Lead Me, Guide Me* Traditional Spiritual

Children of WPC

SERMON ***Someone to Watch over Me*** Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Front of Hymnal Pg. 14

Elder

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* 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 (responsive)

Laura Sugg

Your voice, O God, is calling us to action:

**to speak out for the needy,
to affirm the seekers,
to comfort the distressed,
to encourage the downhearted,
to challenge the complacent.**

These gifts enable your voice to be heard; bless them!

Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Laura Sugg

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Consecration

Serving Communion

Bread is taken individually. Juice/wine is taken together; wine is in outer ring of tray.

Prayer after Communion

* HYMN

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

No. 171

* 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

A Litany of Praise

Franklin D. Ashdown

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for Fellowship Time and the Mission Bake Sale!

Pulpit Elder: Allan Hills

Greeters: Brenda Cavanaugh and Deloris Green

Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette

Flowers: Maxine Foster

Communion Servers: Brenda Cavanaugh, Linda Johnston, Chet Myers, Jim Niquette,

Deacon Reader: Linda Johnston

Ushers: Kerry Gardner & Chuck Miller

Children's Time: Linda Valo



*WPC Mission Statement
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*

***Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2017***