

## 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 *Highland Cathedral* Uli Roever and Michael Korb  
Centennial State Pipes and Drums

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

\* ENERGIZER for ALL *The Jesus Connection Theme Song* Led by Katie Sakanai

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Come together, everyone, and bring your stories and sing our songs!

**We share in the Spirit. Our feelings paint the sky like a rainbow of banners and balloons.**

Let your thoughts fill the air and come to life in bodies of sound ringing out like a song that sets the world dancing.

**Even the silence can speak with a thousand voices**

**In tribute to our loving, living God and in celebration of our lives—the priceless gift God has given us.**

\* HYMN *God of the Sparrow* (see insert)

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder

God has blessed us with the gift of creation and has created us to be good stewards of the earth. But we have failed to care for God's creation, and we ask forgiveness and help from God to change our ways. Let us pray...

When we pollute the rivers and the ocean,

**O God, grant us new life in you.**

When we misuse the land so it can't produce,

**O God, grant us new life in you.**

When our greed makes us careless of the earth,

**O God, grant us new life in you.**

When we fail to recognize all forms of life as your beloved creatures also,

**O God, grant us new life in you. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

There is no greater joy in the heart of God than when we ask God to forgive us and help us to begin anew! It is with great joy that God forgives and grants us new life!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven by grace!**

**With great joy, we are made alive! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* SUNG RESPONSE (Please stand as desired)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the be-gin-ning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE Genesis 9:12-17 (see insert)  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon

SPECIAL MUSIC *Left, Right, In God's Sight* Matt Huesmann  
Vacation Bible School students

TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH (*As children & youth come forward, please sing.*)

***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 *Worshipping in Color 2: The Rainbow* Laura Sugg

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please stand)

**God created all the worlds that are  
and upholds and rules everything.**

**We affirm that the universe exists  
by the power of God's Word and Spirit.**

**God still works**

**through the processes that shape and change the earth  
and the living things upon it.**

**We acknowledge God's care and control  
in the regularity of the universe**

**as well as in apparently random happenings.**

**There is no event from which God is absent**

**and God's ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving.**

**That purpose embraces our choices  
and will surely be accomplished.**

**The Creator works in all things**

**toward the new creation that is promised in Christ.**

--from *A Declaration of Faith* (1977)

\*HYMN *Loving Spirit* (see insert)

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (see insert)  
(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Amazing Grace* (traditional)  
Centennial State Pipes and Drums

\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING 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:***  
***Cre-a-tor, Word, and Spirit one. Al-le-lu-ia, (5x)***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

\* HYMN *Song of Hope* (see insert)  
(sing twice)

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune: Hymn to Joy  
***Great Creator, still creating with the colors of the earth.***  
***Hues of rainbow, woods, and ocean calling us to know re-birth.***  
***As your children, guide us onward; every skin tone one in you.***  
***We are fam'ly, knit together in your love, help us be true.***

POSTLUDE *Our Retreat* (traditional)  
(*The Green Hills of Tyrol, When the Battle's O'er, Castle Dangerous*)  
Centennial State Pipes and Drums

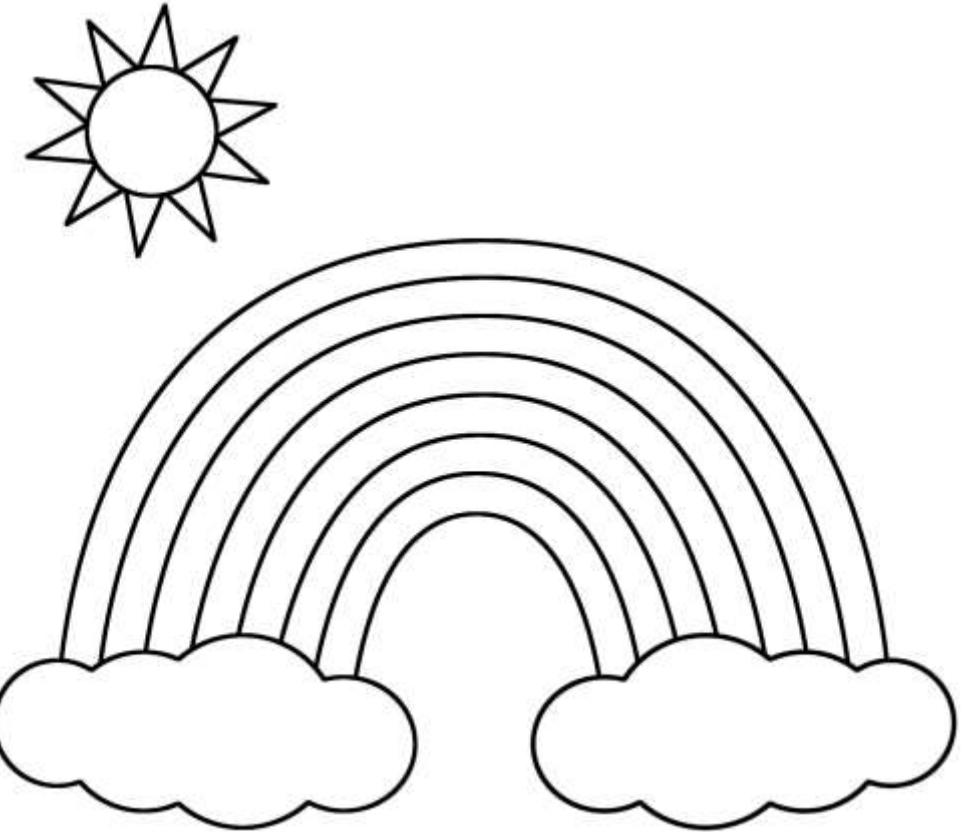
*Please come over to the sanctuary to watch the recording of the short VBS play.*  
*Following the presentation, come enjoy an Old Fashioned Fried Chicken Picnic!*

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Pulpit Elder: Jim Niquette  
Greeter: Lori Golightly  
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette  
Flowers: John & Roxanne Foster

Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly  
Ushers: Bill and Karen Powers  
Time with Children: Laura Sugg  
Outdoor Worship Coordinator: Jeff Stimson

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*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*

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