

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've Got the Joy* Arr. Pepper Choplin

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Deep inside us all—old and young alike—

There is a place of faith,

A place of trust and hope and love,

Without which there can be no peace.

Jesus said, "Let the children come unto me, and do not hinder them,

For to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

Hear, then, O people of God: approach this hour as children of the Almighty,

With innocence of heart and unlimited hope,

With a trust that makes you vulnerable,

And with love that is easy and quick. Amen.

* HYMN *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* (see insert)

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder

Trusting in God's life-giving mercy, let us pray...

Gracious and loving God, we do not look around ourselves and ask: what can I give my friend, what can I offer my colleague, what cheerful word or smile for the toll-collector, dog-groomer, crossing guard, waiter? We forget birthdays and ignore the graduation of a neighbor's child or the impact of the anniversary of our grandparent's loss on our parents. We pray carelessly and quickly. Forgive us and help us to become your thoughtful children, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Christ loves the details: two fish, one mustard seed, all of our missed sparrows and chances. We are forgiven and made new.

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 Mark 4:26-34 Deacon

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast* John Cawood
Katie Sakanai

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 3: Gold*** Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please stand)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children, healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

--from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1991)

*HYMN *For the Fruit of All Creation* (see insert)

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (see insert)

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Give Me Jesus* Arr. Mark Hayes

*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 *Come, Labor On* (see insert)

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* 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 *I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing* Backer, Davis,
Crock, & Greenway

Please come over to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Jim Niquette	Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly
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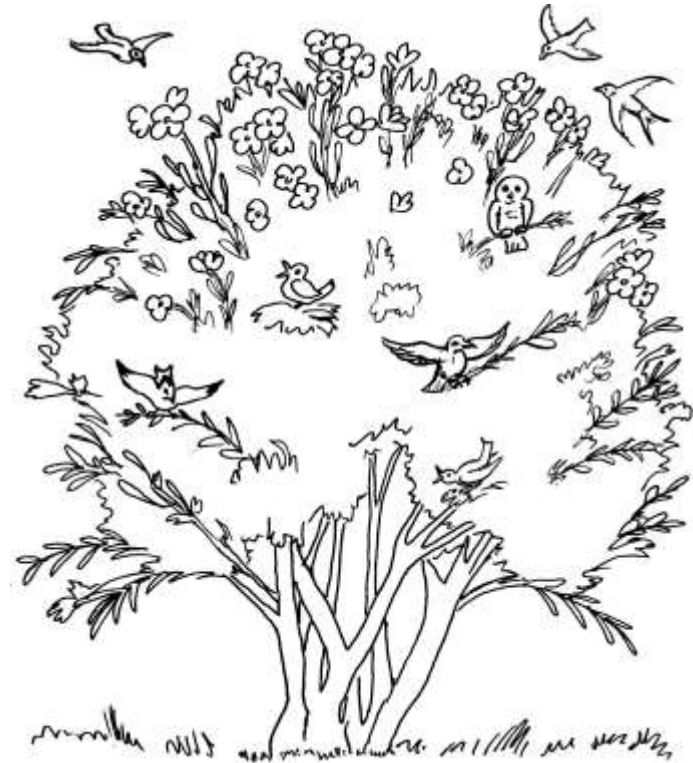
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*To worship God through faith and action,
to nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
to be an extended family to all,
and to serve the community
through programs, education, and prayer*

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