

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 *Great Is the Lord* Arr. Lyndell Leatherman

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

When two or three gather, Christ lives in every moment,

where two or three gather, Christ is present with them.

Where two or three gather to worship God,

glad songs of praise are lifted, hearts are filled with hope.

When two or three gather to serve God's creation,

Christ is feeding the hungry, Christ is building shelters of peace.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* No. 276

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

All we are called to do is to love - everyone. Yet, as simple as it sounds, by our actions and our words, we show how difficult a task it is. Let us confess our failings as we pray together, saying,

You do not ask much of us, Guardian of hope - to love, to serve, to welcome. Yet too often, it is words of bitterness we speak to friends and family. It is our stiff-with-judgment backs we offer to those looking for help. It is our hardened hearts people find, when they reach out, hoping to touch grace.

Love lived as Compassion, forgive us. We are broken, so make us whole through the life of Christ. We are empty of peace, so fill us with the reconciling Spirit of Christ. We are alone, so take us by the hand and lead us into your kingdom of joy and grace, brought to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. Gathered as God's people, we hear the good news: God has forgiven us, God has made us whole, God sends us to serve.

We will not wear jealousy or resentment, but put on the garments of peace and hope. We are forgiven by our God. Amen.

* SUNG RESPONSE (Stand as desired.) *Glory to God (Taizé)* (see insert)

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the Highest
Glory to God, Glory to God, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia**

HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Matthew 18:15-20 Pg. 19

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

ANTHEM *Your Will, Not Mine* Ron and Carol Harris

EPISTLE READING Romans 13:8-12 Pgs. 154-155

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

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 ***No Fair! (1) How to Fight Like a Christian*** Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) Elder

Front of Hymnal Pg. 14

* HYMN *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace* No. 374 vv.2-3

(Katie will sing verse 1, congregation will join her to sing verses 2 & 3)

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *I Love to Tell the Story* William G. Fischer

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING (see insert)]

***Lord, whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, Worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose Every gift which you impart.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

* HYMN

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

No. 343

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth; the peace that was meant to be.

With God as Creator fam'ly all are we.

Let me walk with my neighbor in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me

POSTLUDE

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Arr. Mary McDonald

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Jim Piperato

Greeter: Betty Niquette

Sound Engineer: Sean Mestdagh

Flowers: Ron & Joanie Mickle

Deacon Reader: Janette Powers

Usher: Betsy Smith & Jeff Stimson

Time with Children: Laura Sugg

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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*

***Rally Day
September 10, 2017***