

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 *Trumpet Tune and Flourishes* David Maxwell

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) from Psalm 100:1, 2, 5
Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Elder

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

Enter the courts of the Lord with praise!

* HYMN *O Day of Radiant Gladness* No. 470 vv. 1-3

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder

Let us pray,

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. Hear the good news. Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us,

Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us,

Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

PSALM READING Psalm 105:1-6 Pg. 566

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

ANTHEM *Give to the Lord Honor and Praise* John F. Wilson

GOSPEL READING Matthew 20:1-16 Pgs. 20-21

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

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! (3) Comparison is the Thief of Joy* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Elder

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world
as God's reconciling community.**

**This community, the church universal,
is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation**

and shares God's labor of healing the enmities

which separate people from God and from each other.

Christ has called the church to this mission and

given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The church maintains continuity

with the apostles and with Israel by

faithful obedience to his call.

--from The Confession of 1967

* HYMN *Live Into Hope* No. 332

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

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *I Need Thee Every Hour* Arr. by Robert Lowry

*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 (responsive) Laura Sugg

Merciful and gracious God,
you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness.

With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you.

**Bless these gifts and bless our lives
that together we may share your mercy and grace
for the world you dearly love. Amen.**

* HYMN *Help Us Accept Each Other* No. 358

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* 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 *Processional of Joy* Arr. by Hal Hopson

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Jim Piperato	Deacon Reader: Janette Powers
Greeter: Betty Niquette	Ushers: Brenda Cavanaugh & Tracy Langworthy
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette	Time with Children: Betsy Smith
Flowers: Alice Datema	



*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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