

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 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* Jason D. Payne
Arr. John Darwall

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder
Alleluia! Give thanks to Yahweh!
Praise God's name, and make known God's deeds to the nations!
Sing to God; sing praise and tell of all God's wonderful works.
Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts that seek Yahweh rejoice!
**Seek Yahweh—constantly seek God's face;
remember the marvels accomplished—and the judgments
from God's mouth.**
Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord!
The Lord's name be praised!

* HYMN *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* No. 285

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder

Let us pray,

**Eternal God, we confess that we have too often acted as if
we can earn your love and have forgotten your free gift of grace.**

We want to impress you and others, but we have lost our way.

**Forgive us when we forget that we are your children
and find our identity in the messages of our culture
rather than your Word.**

**Help us to live as your heirs, children who belong to you,
who love us more than we can understand.**

Show us how to love and trust you with our hearts.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. What comfort do you receive from the good news of God's forgiveness?

**That I belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,
who died and rose again for my sake,
so that nothing will ever separate me from God's love.**

Hear the good news!

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **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 16:21, 24-26 Pg. 17
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon

SPECIAL MUSIC *A Variation on Arfon* Arr. Dawn Wooderson
Orff ensemble: Eileen Gardner, Betty Niquette, Julie Pulliam, Katie Sakanai

EPISTLE READING Romans 12:9-21 Pg. 154
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 *Yeses of Faith* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) Elder
Front of Hymnal Pg. 14

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16
(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* Stuart Townend
Arr. Lyndell Leatherman

*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 (in unison) Laura Sugg

God of goodness:

**you accept us with our needs and our failings;
help us to accept the high calling of life in Christ.**

**Give us the faith to trust, the impulse to serve,
and the courage to press on to the goal you have set,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Laura Sugg

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Serving Communion

Bread is taken individually. Wait to take juice/wine together. Red wine is in outer ring of tray, white grape juice is in the inner ring of tray.

Prayer after Communion (in unison)

Laura

Eternal God,

we give you thanks for this holy mystery

in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world

in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

No. 403

* 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

My Jesus, I Love Thee, Adomiram

J. Gordon

Arr. Diane Bish

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Jim Piperato

Deacon Reader: Betty Piperato

Greeter: Betty Niquette

Ushers: Kerry Gardner & Chuck Miller

Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette

Time with Children: Roxanne Foster

Communion Servers: Anne Baker, Caroline Clovesko, Lori Golightly, Nancy Rosi



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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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