

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* Henry Purcell

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

O come, let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord, the Creator of us all,

Who makes of one blood all the peoples of the earth!

O come, let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord, the Redeemer of us all,

Who makes all peoples one that we might seek and find the Lord!

O come, let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord, the Sustainer of us all,

Who makes all peoples one that we might know and serve the Lord!

**O come, let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord,
the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.**

* HYMN *God is Here!* No. 461

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder

Let us pray,

Almighty God:

**From the ends of the earth you have gathered
us around Christ's holy table.**

Forgive our separate ways.

Forgive everything that keeps us apart;

**the pride that prevents our proper reunion,
the apathy that settles for past divisions.**

Have mercy on your church—troubled and divided.

Renew in us true unity of purpose;

**that we may break bread together,
and, with one voice,**

praise Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Anyone in Christ is a New Creation:

Old things have passed away, all things are new.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

**Thanks be to God for love that frees
and makes us one, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 17:1-7 Pg. 65

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

ANTHEM *The Time of Our Life* Traditional Irish Tune

Arr. Austin Lovelace

EPISTLE READING Philipians 2:1-4 Pg. 189

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 *Enemies of Gratitude: Nostalgia* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Elder

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
lives that recognize all people in all cultures
as our neighbors on this planet.**

**Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements
in serving and helping our neighbor,
to treat our neighbor's needs as our own,
to care passionately for the other's good,
to share what we have.**

**It is part of our discipline
to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury
that threaten our neighbor's survival.**

**We are obligated to speak the truth in love,
to listen with patience and openness,
to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain
which love involves. Amen.**

--from A Declaration of Faith (1977)

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

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Concerto #21 in C Major, Theme of Second Movement* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* No. 138 v.4

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Laura Sugg

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise.... Amen.

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

**Gracious God, you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**You have fed us with the bread of life,
and renewed us for your service.**

**We give ourselves to you,
and ask that our daily living
may be part of the life of your kingdom.**

**May our love be your love,
reaching out into the life of the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* No. 356

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG RESPONSE *Farewell, Good Friends* No. 537

POSTLUDE *Allegro from Organ Concerto #13* George Frederick Handel

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.



*World Communion Sunday
October 1, 2017*