

## 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 *To God Be the Glory* Arr. Peter Burkhardt

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Awake! Today is the day God has made.

**Sing to God a new song and praise God's holy name.**

We come with our songs of praise to our faithful God.

**Where two or three are gathered in God's name,**

**God is here among us.**

Praise be to God!

**Amen!**

\* HYMN *Come All You People* Sing the Faith No. 2274  
(Katie will lead everyone singing this multiple times)

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder

Let us pray,

**God of wonder and might, we come to you now to confess our failing.**

**We fall short of your will for us.**

**We complain and doubt your presence with us.**

**We doubt that you will provide for us as we need it.**

**We grumble.**

**Forgive us our failure of faith.**

**Forgive us our lack of nerve to stand up for you**

**when we know it is the right thing to do.**

**Forgive us our failure to believe enough in your unfailing love**

**to trust that you are with us.**

**Fill us with your love so we may witness to your goodness**

**and mercy in all of life.**

*(A time for silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. In Christ we are given new life.

**The old is gone away. The new is before us.**

Arise then, and walk in the light of Christ. **Amen.**

\* SUNG RESPONSE (Stand as desired.) *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* No. 466 v 1 &4

## HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6-9 Pgs. 666-667  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon

ANTHEM *Just as I Am, Lord* Words by Nancy Price  
Music by Don Besig

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:1-14 Pg. 23  
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 *Enemies of Gratitude: Entitlement* Laura Sugg

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Elder

**We believe**

**that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church  
as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God  
and with one another;**

**that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation**

**for the church of Jesus Christ;**

**that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force,**

**yet simultaneously a reality**

**which must be earnestly pursued and sought:**

**one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;**

**that this unity must become visible**

**so that the world may believe that separation,**

**enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin**

**which Christ has already conquered,**

**and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity**

**may have no place in the church and must be resisted....**

—from the *Confession of Belhar* (1986)

\* HYMN *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* No. 370

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Dick Remington

\* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER  
*(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")*

Front of Hymnal Pg. 16

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *More About Jesus* Arr. Lani Smith

\* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING *Take My Life* No. 391 v.1

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

\* HYMN *Somebody's Knocking at Your Door* No. 382

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *Recessional in C* Douglas E. Wagner

*Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.*

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Pulpit Elder: Allan Hills

Deacon Reader: Nancy Rosi

Greeters: Kevin & Chet Myers

Ushers: Maxine Foster & Karen Powers

Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette

Time with Children: Laura Sugg

Flowers: Irene Jones

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### *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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