

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 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Arr. Pierce Dickens

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

The Christian life is not so much a destination as a journey. Even so, the worship of God is not to be found solely in the gathering of this people of faith nor in their acts of worship or faithful service. True worship happens in those moments when we sense God's presence among us and respond together in joy. Let us worship God. **Amen.**

* HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* No. 555

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

The path to authentic renewal is through repentance. In order to become more like Jesus, we must be willing to let him reveal those aspects of our lives which need to be changed. Let us accept the invitation "Come unto me..." by gratefully, confidently laying our lives before Christ now. Let us pray...

Loving God, in the week that is past we each have let go of the rope of our very good intentions, averted our eyes from the sorrow or pain of someone else, failed to renew our own physical, emotional and spiritual resources, made a decision without the guidance of prayer. We have excused these small failures without regard to the consequences of all our actions in the world. Forgive us, and make us newly self-aware. Plant a bothersome conscience in the middle of our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

God offers forgiveness instead of excuses and, forgiven, we are strengthened to live as children of God. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

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

**1. O for a thousand tongues to sing, My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace.** **4. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.**

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM READING Psalm 96:1-6, 11-13 Pg. 560
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon

ANTHEM *Whatever We Have* Dawn Wooderson
Dawn Wooderson, Conductor, Kerry & Eileen Gardner, Betty Niquette,
Julie Pulliam, xylophones & Orff instruments, choir, youth, & children of WPC

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:15-22 Pg. 23
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Laura

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Matthew H. Briggs
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) Front of Hymnal Pg. 14

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: Greed*** Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN *Here I Am, Lord* No. 525

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Laura Sugg
Kelsey Briggs, Matt Briggs, Ann Ludvigsen,
Maris Sovold, Tim Sovold, Dick Sugg, Ginny Sugg

PASSING THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Roxanne Foster

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *He Leadeth Me* Arr. Gilbert M. Martin

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

***Take my life and let it be;
Consecrated, Lord to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.***

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

* HYMN *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* No. 538

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

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

***Farewell, good friends, Farewell, good friends,
Shalom, shalom!
Till we meet again, till we meet again,
Shalom, shalom.***

POSTLUDE *March from Egmont and the Heavens Are Telling* Ludwig Van Beethoven
Arr. By Dorothy Wells

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for a reception welcoming the new members.

Pulpit Elder: Marny Eulberg Deacon Reader: Nancy Rosi
Greeter: Doris Wolff Ushers: Brenda Cavanaugh & Tracy Langworthy
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette Time with Children: Betsy Smith
Flowers: Katie Sakanai

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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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