

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 *Marche* Alexander Guilmant

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) from Psalm 106:1-3
Give thanks to God, for God is good. Elder

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who can declare all of God's praise?

Happy are those who observe justice and do righteousness at all times.

Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

* HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 281

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder

Let us pray,

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess and ask your mercy.

**We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

**We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.**

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion, cleanse us.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation

and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. Hear the good news! Anyone in Christ is a new creation.

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

Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. **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

PSALM READING Psalm 19:1-6, 14 Pg. 504
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon

ANTHEM *This Little Light of Mine* Traditional African-American Spiritual
Children of WPC and Choir

EPISTLE READING Philippians 4:1-9 Pg. 190
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: Worry*** Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Elder

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
personal lives that are centered in God
and open to God's reality and rule.**

**Christ teaches us to put obedience to God
above the interests of self, family, race, or nation;
to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.**

**It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest,
setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work,
celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness.**

**We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture,
not expecting detailed directions for every decision,
but relying on the Word to tell us who God is,
to press God's present claim on us,
and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.**

**We are charged to pray for ourselves and others
with gratitude, boldness, and persistence,
confident that God hears and answers our prayers
in ways best for us all.**

**Life in God's presence issues in life for others,
for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see,
we cannot love God whom we do not see." Amen.**

--from A Declaration of Faith (1977)

* HYMN *Nothing Can Trouble* STF 2054
(Katie will lead everyone singing this multiple times)

