

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* Please stand if able Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE *Joy to the World* Arr. Alfred V. Fedak

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

For God alone, my soul waits in silence.

Steadfast love belongs to the Lord.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* No. 454

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated, unison) Elder

Let us pray.

God our Creator,

we confess that we are broken creatures.

You call on us to change our lives,

yet we do not heed your warning.

You give us good news to share,

yet we remain stubborn and silent.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Help us to repent and follow you,

bearing witness to the good news

that your holy realm is near;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. If we are in Christ, we are new people altogether;

the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

In your great mercy, O God,

raise us from the death of sin to newness of life,

and make us your people, unburdened by the past,

unfearful of the future, and joyful in the eternal present,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE (Stand as desired.)

Tune: Bring a Torch

Love has come: a light in darkness!

Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.

See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;

hear how their song of joy arises:

Love! Love! Born unto you a Savior!

Love! Love! Glory to God on High.

HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING John 1:43-51 Pg. 87

The Word of the Lord. Deacon

Thanks be to God.

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.

ANTHEM *From the Rising of the Sun* Iona Community

Children, Youth, & Choir of WPC

SERMON ***Now You See It, Now You Don't*** Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) The Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

Front of Hymnal Pg. 14 Elder

* HYMN *Jesus Loves Me!* No. 304

* PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *From Heaven to Earth I Come* Johann Pachelbel

Edited by Clarence Dickinson

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING (Verse 3, No. 53)

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come one and all to own Him.

The King of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

* HYMN *Will You Come and Follow Me? (The Summons)* STF No. 2130

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 66 (refrain only)

***O—o star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!***

POSTLUDE *Come Thou Fount* Jason d. Payne
Arr. John Wyeth

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Bob Brown Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly
Greeter: Betty Niquette Usher: Betsy Smith
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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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