

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

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.

The Lord is about to do a new thing.

Speak, O God, for your servants are listening.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* No. 263

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated, unison) Elder

Let us pray.

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken creatures.

You speak to us with tender mercy,

yet we fail to recognize your voice.

You know everything about us,

yet we pretend we do not know you.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Help us to heed your voice of truth,

to follow your way of faithfulness,

and to glorify you with our lives;

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 Mark 1:14-20 Pg. 33

The Word of the Lord.

Deacon

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Takwaba Uwabanga Yesu! (There's No One Like Jesus!)* Folk Hymn from Zambia

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 *An Urgent Mission* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all.

**Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people
and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.**

**He expressed the love of God in word and deed
and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women.**

But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.

**His life and teaching judged their goodness,
religious aspirations, and national hopes.**

Many rejected him and demanded his death.

**In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself
the judgment under which everyone stands convicted.**

**God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah
and Lord. The victim of sin became victor,
and won the victory over sin and death for all.**

--Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.08

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

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Prayer* Robert Schumann
 Arr. By George Blake

* 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 *Here I Am, Lord* No. 525

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Ushers distribute Annual Report

* 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 *Rejoice, The Lord Is King* Jason d. Payne



Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Bob Brown Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly
 Greeters: Jane Engle & Neil McKearnan Sound Engineer Jim Niquette
 Flowers: Chuck & Jeanne Miller Time With Children & Youth: Laura Sugg
 Ushers: Brenda Cavanaugh & Karen Powers

*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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