

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 *Rejoice, The Lord Is King* Arr. James Mansfield

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

The bread of life opens our eyes.

The word of life opens our ears.

The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

and by those wounds we are healed.

Peace be with you.

Luke 24:36

And also with you.

* HYMN *The Strife is O'er* No. 119

CALL TO PRAYER & PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated, unison) Elder

The One who calls us to repent, hears us.

In trust that our Creator knows us through and through,

let us open our hearts to the healing of God's forgiveness.

Let us pray...

Good and gracious God,

**we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation,
misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us,
needing forgiveness.**

We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us.

We ask your mercy for our fallen world.

We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus.

Be our solace in this life and always.

We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete.

Forgive us and lead us.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Amen. We seek God's grace with boldness

1 John 3:16, 21-22

because we trust in Jesus Christ,

the One who loves us and laid down his life for us.

This is the good news of the gospel:

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE (Stand as desired.)

No. 123 verse 2

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:36b-48 Pg. 85

The Word of the Lord. **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 *When Christ Arose* Lyrics by Fanny Crosby
Children & Youth of WPC and Ridge Ringers Music by Carlton Young

SERMON *Easter Supper* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Please Stand)* Elder

Jesus was dead and buried,

but God raised him from the dead.

The risen Lord appeared to his followers.

They recognized him as their Master

who had been crucified.

Before Jesus left them,

he commissioned them to proclaim to all people

the good news of his victory over death,

and promised to be with them always.

We are certain that Jesus lives.

He lives as God with us,

touching all of human life with the presence of God.

He lives as one of us with God.

Because he shares our humanity

and has bound us to himself in love,

we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.

from A Declaration of Faith (1977)

* HYMN *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* No. 106

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As Jesus gave himself fully for us and then appeared to the disciples bringing peace,
so let us now bring wholeness and healing to others through our tithes and gifts.
The offering will now be received.

OFFERTORY *Morning Has Broken* Arr. Edward Broughton

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord God, we offer to you only a portion
of what you have given us.

**All that we have is from your creative hand.
All that we can give away we do through Jesus' love.
All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom.**
Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy;
in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

* HYMN *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!* No. 111

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE refrain, No. 122

***Thine is the glory Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.***

POSTLUDE *My Jesus, I Love Thee* Arr. Diane Bish

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation!

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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.*

***Third Sunday of Easter
April 15, 2018***