

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 *Sheep May Safely Graze* J.S. Bach

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Beloved, let us love one another.

We love because God first loved us.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN *Gather Us In* STF No. 2236

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated, unison) Elder

Let us pray...

God of all hope and joy,

we confess that we continue to live in fear.

You make us branches of your vine,

but we fail to abide in you.

You extend your promise to all,

yet we seek to cut off and exclude.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Sanctify us in your perfect love,

the love that casts out all fear,

so that we may truly love one another;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Amen. In Christ we are given new life.

The old is gone away. The new is before us.

Arise, then, and walk in the light of Christ.

Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE (Stand as desired.)

refrain, No. 122

Thine is the glory Risen, conquering Son;

Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

HEARING THE WORD

EPISTLE READING 1 John 4:7-21 Pgs. 230-231

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Praise Him, Alleluia!* Eugene Butler

GOSPEL READING John 15:1-5 Pg. 104

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon

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 ***God is Love*** Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)
Front of Hymnal Pg. 14 Elder

HYMN (remain seated) *Love Canon* (see insert)

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *For All the Saints* Arr. Mark Hayes

* 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

* HYMN *Though I May Speak* No. 335

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE refrain, No. 106
*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

POSTLUDE *Organ Piece* J.H. Knecht

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Marny Eulberg	Deacon Reader: Nancy Rosi
Greeters: Jane Engle & Neil McKearnan	Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette
Ushers: Ralph & Marcia Hecox	Time With Children & Youth: Laura Sugg
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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.*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2018*