

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 *God Of Glory* David Paxton

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!

The Lord Jesus Christ has risen to reign;

his is the name above all names.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 376

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

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness,

interceding with sighs too deep for words.

Trusting in God's grace, let us pray...

**God of all hope and joy, we confess
that we continue to live in fear.**

**While Jesus was with us on earth,
we dismissed him as a heavenly dreamer.**

**Now that he reigns in heaven
we forget that he is Lord of all the earth.**

Forgive us, God of grace.

**Be the sovereign of our lives
and make us always ready
to welcome your return in glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Amen. Hear the good news of God's promise:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. 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 Ephesians 1:15-23 Pg. 184

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Come Holy Spirit Still My Heart*

GOSPEL READING Luke 22:44-53 Pg.82

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.

SERMON *The Eyes of Your Heart* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which
people know that God loves and accepts them.**

**They, therefore, accept themselves and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand,
except God's grace.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22

* HYMN *Open My Eyes That I May See* No. 324

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Ann Ludvigsen

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

Just As I Am

William B. Bradbury
Arr. By Lani Smith

* 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

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

No. 155

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

refrain, No. 106

***Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.***

POSTLUDE

Allegro, From Organ Concerto Number 13 George F. Handel
Arr. By Ellen Jane Lorenz

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Allan Hills

Greeters: Pat, Bobbi, & Allison Cress

Ushers: Jeanne Miller & Betsy Smith

Flowers: Bob & Nancy Rosi

Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly

Sound Engineer: Sean Mestdagh

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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.*

***Ascension and
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 13, 2018***