

### 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. Mary McDonald

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

**the earth is full of the glory of God.**

Let us worship God.

\* HYMN *Come, Great God of All the Ages* No. 132 (see insert)

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated, unison) Elder

Let us pray...

**Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory.**

**You came to love and save the world,**

**but we condemn others in your name.**

**You send us out to tell good news,**

**but we hide from our calling in fear.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Give us new life in your Spirit so that we may serve you faithfully**

**and live as your beloved children; 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 a 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.)

***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.***

### HEARING THE WORD

PSALM READING Psalm 29:1-4, 7, 10-11

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

Deacon

ANTHEM *I'll Fly Away* Words and Music by Alfred Brumley

EPISTLE READING Romans 8:12-17

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 Power of Three* Laura Sugg

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder

In what name are you baptized?

**In the name of the Trinity.**

**After he was raised from the dead,**

**our Lord appeared to his disciples and said to them,**

**"Go and make disciples of all nations,**

**baptizing them in the name of the Father**

**and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."**

What is the meaning of this name?

**It is the name of the Holy Trinity.**

**The Father is God, the Son is God,**

**and the Holy Spirit is God.**

**And yet they are not three gods, but one God in three persons.**

**We worship God in this mystery.**

*—Study Catechism, Q 75, 76*

\* HYMN *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* (see insert) tune, "Austrian Hymn"

INSTALLATION OF DEACON Jeanne Miller

*When invited, please join in the following prayer:*

**God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ,**  
**trusting us with the message of reconciliation:**

**give us courage & discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us;**

**that together we may declare your wonderful deeds**

**and show your love to the world;**

**through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER  
(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

Front of Hymnal Pg. 16

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *He Leadeth Me* Arr. Larry Shackley

\* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING *Tune: Now Thank We All Our God*  
**All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven.  
To Father and to Son And Spirit now be given.  
The one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore,  
The God who was, and is, And shall be evermore.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* No. 138 (see insert)

\* CHARGE & BENEDECTION

\* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *STF 2223 v. 1 & Refrain*  
**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

POSTLUDE *God Bless the U.S.A.* *Words and Music by Lee Greenwood*

*Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.*

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Pulpit Elder: Allan Hills      Deacon Reader: Jeff Stimson  
Greeters: Ariane Meyer & Dick Remington      Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette  
Ushers: Brenda Cavanaugh & Alice Datema      Time With Children & Youth: Don Tolin  
Flowers: Janette Powers, Wally & Julie Pulliam      Visitor Desk: Ruth Breckon

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May 27, 2018*