

## 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 *Processional, March of The Priests* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

When we are relaxing after a long day,  
when we are pacing midnight's floor,

**God knows, and is with us.**

When we are climbing the ladder of success,  
when we have tripped over despair,

**God knows, and guides us along the way.**

When we are tongue-tied and in love,  
when we struggle to speak of hope,

**God knows, and gives us the words we need.**

Let us worship the God who knows and loves us.

**Amen.**

\* HYMN *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* No. 483

CALL TO PRAYER & PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Please be seated) Elder

God knows – our thoughts, our hearts, our deeds, our inability to love, even our refusal to forgive others. Yet the One who knows us best is willing to gather us up in loving arms of grace and mercy. Let us bring our confessions, as we pray together, saying,

**You search us, Wonderful God, and what do you find? People whose minds are so full of the world's trash, that there is no room to think of others.**

**People who offer stale crusts to the hungry, not the food which gives them life. People who are so busy patting ourselves on the back, that we cannot reach out to those who have fallen.**

**Forgive us, All merciful God. May we listen to your words of grace, and become more gracious. May we hear your words of hope, and then live as people overflowing with it. When you call us, may we respond, 'here am I,' as faithfully as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

This is the good news, dear friends: the One who knows our worst fills us with the best – grace, wonder, and forgiveness.

**Our ears tingle with this news, our hearts overflow with hope.**

**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. 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

PSALTER READING Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Pgs. 250-251  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon

SPECIAL MUSIC *Set Me as a Seal* Arr. K. Scott Lee  
Kevin Crowe, tenor

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) Pgs. 250-251  
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 ***God at Work: God Calls*** Laura Sugg

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Arr. Diana Bish

\* 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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Words of Institution  
Serving Communion

*Bread and/or gluten-free wafer is taken individually.*

*Please **wait to take juice/wine together.** Red wine is in outer ring of tray,  
white grape juice is in the middle ring, and water in the center of the tray.*

Prayer after Communion

\* HYMN *Here I Am, Lord* No. 525

\* CHARGE & BLESSING

\* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune: STF 2223

***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 *March Pontifical* Jacques Lemmens

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

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Pulpit Elder: Anne Baker                      Deacon Reader: Janette Powers  
Greeter: Jeff Stimson                      Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette  
Ushers: Maxine Foster & Chuck Miller      Time With Children & Youth: Betsy Smith  
Flowers: Ron & Linda Johnston              Visitor Desk: Maxine Foster  
Communion servers: Jo Ann Flores, Maxine Foster, Charlene Pierce, Jeff Stimson

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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.*

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