

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 *I've Got the Joy* Pepper Choplin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.

God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

God fed our ancestors in the wilderness, God clothes us with hope.

We will offer our hearts to God, always saying, Thank you! to the One who loves us.

We will sing our praises, shouting of God's presence in our lives.

* HYMN *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* No. 466 (see insert)

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder

Let us pray...

**Because we live in this modern, tech-driven age,
we often forget what you have done for us, God of every blessing.**

**We pat ourselves on the back for our ability to learn new computer skills,
but have forgotten that life is more than a machine.**

**We have more than we could ever use yet,
like squirrels, store up more and more.**

**Our faith is often pushed to the back of the closet,
to make room for all the fears we wear so easily.**

Forgive us, Restorer of life.

**As you clothe us with your grace and mercy,
may we share with those who have so little.**

**As our hearts overflow with your love and wonder,
may we offer them as gifts to everyone we meet.**

**As you feed us with your joy and hope, may we welcome to the Table
all those whose lives are filled with tears and pain.**

**As we gather with family and friends, (...) may we continue to give thanks for
the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Steve

Amen. This is the good news: as God dresses creation in wonder,
so you will be clothed in grace; as God pours out abundance upon the earth, so you will
be blessed with peace and joy.

**We don't say it often enough, but thanks be to God for healing, for life, for
wonder, for mercy. We are blessed, for we are forgiven. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE (Stand as desired.) (for music see yellow insert)

***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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Deacon

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Catskill Mountain Air* Traditional

Rebecca Jonas, violoncello

GOSPEL READING Luke 17:11-19

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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 *Guiding Hearts by Giving Thanks* Steve

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please stand) Elder

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

--from The Iona Community in Scotland

* HYMN *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* No. 316 (see insert)

* MINUTE FOR MISSION—Whiz Kids Tutoring representative from Whiz Kids

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (see words to the Lord's Prayer below)

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread; And
forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory, forever. Amen.**

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Bach Prelude from Suite No. 2 in D Minor* J.S. Bach
Rebecca Jonas, violoncello

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING Tune: *Now Thank We All Our God* (for music see yellow insert)
***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 *Give Thanks* Sing the Faith No. 2036 (see insert)

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune: STF 2223
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, (for music see yellow insert)
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;

POSTLUDE *Marching to Zion* Pepper Choplin

Please come inside to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Many thanks to Rebecca Jonas for sharing her musical talents this morning!



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to be an extended family to all,
and to serve the community
through programs, education, and prayer.*

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