

## 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 *Mother Nature's Son* Lennon-McCartney

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Make a joyful noise to God!

**Let it be singing— melody and harmony, rap and cantata.**

Make a joyful noise to God!

**Let it be laughter— fun “with” someone, not fun “of” someone.**

Make a joyful noise to God!

**Let it be a welcome— the sound of a door opening, a phone ringing,  
an e-mail arriving, a greeting shouted across the supermarket parking lot.**

Make a joyful noise to God!

**Let it be a word of affirmation, compliment, reassurance, reconciliation, or  
encouragement!**

Let us worship God with a joyful noise!

**Amen.**

\* HYMN *Morning Has Broken* No. 469 (see insert)

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

Beloved, God does not disappoint those who come in hope, nor does God turn away those who approach in faith. Let us make our confession to God in hope and faith. Let us pray...

**Loving God, in the week that is past, we each have let go of the rope of our very good intentions, averted our eyes from the sorrow or pain of someone else, failed to renew our own physical, emotional and spiritual resources, made a decision without the guidance of prayer. We have excused these small faults without regard to the consequences of all our actions in the world. Forgive us and make us newly self-aware. Plant a bothersome conscience in the middle of our lives.**

*(A time for silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. God offers forgiveness instead of excuses and, forgiven, we are strengthened to live as children of God.

**Thanks be to God! 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

GOSPEL READING Luke 1:26-38 Deacon

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Let It Be* Lennon-McCartney

Jon Stubbs and Katie Sakanai, guitar and vocals

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 Gospel According to The Beatles* Laura Sugg

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please stand) Elder

**We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;  
in the waiting and uncertainty  
where fear and courage join hands,  
conflict and caring link arms,  
and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst  
to share our humanity.**

**We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place:  
into action,  
into vulnerability  
and into the streets.**

**We commit ourselves  
to work for change and put ourselves on the line;  
to bear responsibility, take risks,  
live powerfully and face humiliation;  
to stand with those on the edge;  
to choose life  
and be used by the spirit  
for God's new community of hope. Amen.**

— from the Iona Community, Scotland

\* HYMN *My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing)* STF No. 2212 (see insert)

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 *I'll Follow the Sun* Lennon-McCartney

\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, (2x)  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, (5x)***

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* HYMN *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

***Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth; the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as Creator fam'ly all are we.  
Let me walk with my neighbor in perfect harmony.***

***Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me***

\* CHARGE & BLESSING

\* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Let It Be (closing verses)* (see insert)

POSTLUDE *Love Is All You Need* Lennon-McCartney

*Many thanks to Jon Stubbs and Katie Sakanai  
for sharing their musical talents this morning!*

*Please come to Fellowship Hall and join us for refreshments and conversation.*



*The Gospel According to  
The Beatles*

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