

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

God is an awesome God who breathed into emptiness
and created all that is.

**With love and care, God shaped the world in all its diversity
with mountains and valleys, rivers and deserts,
and people of all colors and sizes.**

And threading through it all are beautiful dreams of justice,
compassion, liberation, and peace.

**O God, creator of our past, our present, and our future,
we thank you for the many blessings you bestow on us each moment.**

Help us to sense your presence here and now.

Fill our hearts with compassion and a thirst for justice.

**Teach us to be co-creators, with You, of a world where all belong
and share in the abundance you have given us.**

Praise be to God. Amen.

* HYMN *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending* No.422 (see insert)

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL and ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE (Be seated)

Let us pray together Elder

**Creator God, you made us to be neighbors, members of one family
blessed with great diversity.**

**You created us to be helpers and friends to one another,
entrusting to us your justice and your joy.**

**Yet, we have denied justice and joy to many, creating worlds of poverty,
pain, lost opportunities, and absence of hope.**

In so many ways, we break each other's hearts.

Still, you do not reject us.

We ask your forgiveness and pray to be transformed.

(A time for silent prayer)

Loving God, you restore us to each other and to you, Laura Sugg
mending our hearts and repairing the world.

**Through the power of your Spirit,
you shape us to be for others what Christ is for us:
pardon and peace, new life and blessing.**

We give you thanks for your love, forgiveness, and constant presence. **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.***

(need music, see insert)

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Malachi 3:5-6 Deacon

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *For One Great Peace* Words S. Murray, Music J. Strathdee
Katie Sakanai

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 58:1-8
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 Gospel According to the Labor Movement* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (please stand)

Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone.

Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission.

**We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world
and joining God in that work.**

We risk disagreement and error

when we try to say what God is doing here and now.

But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past

and in God's promises for the future,

as they are witnessed to in Scripture.

**We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements
that free people by the gospel**

and advance justice, compassion and peace

--from A Declaration of Faith (1977)

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 *In Christ Alone* Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Serving Communion *One Bread, One Body* Arr. Mark Hayes

(By intinction in the pews.) The communion servers will bring a plate of bread

pieces (and GF wafers) followed by a chalice (large cup) of grape juice.

Please take care as you dip the piece of bread into the chalice

and assist young children.

Prayer after Communion

* HYMN *Song of Hope* No. 432 (insert)

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune: STF 2223

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, (for music see 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 *God Bless the U.S.A.* Lee Greenwood

Please come to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Allan Hills

Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly

Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette

Ushers: Kerry Gardner & Chuck Miller

Greeter: Janette Powers

Visitor Desk: Maxine Foster

Time with Children & Youth: Laura Sugg

Communion Servers: Anne Baker, Jo Ann Flores, Valerie Friedman, Janette Powers



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