

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 *Prelude in F Major* J.S. Bach

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.

The Lord upholds those who are falling;

God raises those who are bowed down.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* No. 466

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

Let us pray...

Merciful God, we confess

that we have not followed your way.

You call us to seek justice,

yet we abuse and ignore the poor.

You call us to show mercy,

yet we turn away from those in need.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Give us the wisdom and courage

to abandon our places of privilege

and to show our faith in action;

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,

renew us as 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 146 Pgs. 593-594

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

ANTHEM *Amazing Grace* Arr. Mark Hayes

Kenny Orr, violin

EPISTLE READING James 2:1-10, 14-17 Pgs. 219-220

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 *A Living Faith* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder

To be reconciled to God

is to be sent into the world

as God's reconciling community.

This community, the church universal,

is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation

and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which

separate people from God and from each other.

Christ has called the church to this mission

and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The church maintains continuity with the apostles

and with Israel by faithful obedience to this call.

—Adapted from *the Confession of 1967, 9.31*

* HYMN *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* No. 367

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16

(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Prelude and Fugue in A Minor* J.S. Bach

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING Tune: Hymnal No. 422

***God, whose giving knows no ending, From your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by You, we turn to You, Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, Gracious donor of our days.***

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN *We All Are One in Mission* No. 435

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *May the Lord Go with You*

***May the Lord go with you as you leave this place,
May the Lord go with you as you celebrate his grace.
May you be surrounded by His love unbounded,
May the Lord go with you as you leave this place.***

POSTLUDE *Prelude in C Major* J.S. Bach

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

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Greeter: Janette Powers	Sound Engineer: Sean Mestdagh
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WPC Mission Statement

*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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