

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 *Great Is the Lord* Arr. Tedd Smith & Don Hustad
Piano/Organ Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

We look in the mirror and what do we see?

**We see people who try to be faithful
even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.**

We look in the mirror and how do we see?

**We see with hearts that are open to God's love,
with lives that seek to trust when some
tell us not to be so foolish.**

We look in the mirror and who do we see?

**We see Jesus, the One who struggles with
the questions we raise, who models faithfulness
for all who would follow.**

* HYMN *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* No. 356

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

Let us willingly embrace that which we believe is true. We can come to the seat of grace, bringing our prayers to the One who is filled to overflowing with mercy and hope. Join me as we pray together...

**We stand before you, Saving God,
stripped of our pretensions and pride,
for nothing we do or say, or do not, can be hidden from you.
You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves;
you sift through the rubble of hurts we have caused;
you see how we stumble, weighed down by all that 'stuff'
which keeps us from following Jesus.
We stand before you, Holy Grace.
As we let go of all which might hold us back,
give us the trust to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
into that life with which he offers to each of us.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Amen. Hear the good news! Because God loves us, we lack for nothing;
because God forgives us, we have everything we need;
because God surrounds us with sisters and brothers, we do not journey alone.

**Committing everything to God, trusting in the One who redeems us,
we decide to live as God's hopeful and forgiven people. 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 103: 1-6 Pgs. 563-564
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon

ANTHEM *New Heart and New Spirit* Alice Jordan

EPISTLE READING 2 Corinthians 3:1-6, 12 Pg. 172
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 *Hope Grows Here* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
Amen. --from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1991)**

* HYMN *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* No. 379

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Kristy Mestdagh and Sean Mestdagh

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Adagio Cantabile* Ludwig Van Beethoven
Piano/Organ Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano Arr. Rob Roy Peery

* 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 *Song of Hope* No. 432

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* 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 *How Excellent Is Thy Name* Arr. Tedd Smith & Don Hustad
Piano/Organ Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

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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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