

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 *Andante Tranquil from Water Music* George Frederick Handel

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

In sacred times of word, wonder, and awe, in ordinary days of work and play:

in every moment , God is with us.

Whether we are stuck in doubt's mud, or standing on faith's shoreline:

in every place, God is with us.

In those who teach us and those who trouble us;

in those who surprise us; and those who forgive us:

in every person, God is with us.

* HYMN *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* No. 446

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

As we stand before God, we think of all the ways we bicker with others, all those times we have not shown mercy and grace to those around us.

Let us bow our hearts and confess to God, as we pray together, saying,

**It is never easy for us to confess, but deep down inside, we know that
graced**

we have trouble being grace-full to others;

forgiven,

we are eager to judge and punish those who hurt us;

freed,

we find ways to put restrictions on people we fear.

Forgive us, Servant God. You show mercy again and again;

you pardon us more times than we can count. And why?

Because we are the Lord's – sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ,

who died and lived again, so we might live beyond death with you.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Amen. God's hand of mercy is stretched out to us, making a way through all that threatens us to touch us with grace and hope.

We stand before our God,

singing praise to the One who turns our despair into joy,

our fears into faith. Amen

SUNG RESPONSE (Stand as desired) (Blessed Assurance) No. 341 v.2 and refrain

Perfect submission, perfect delight. Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

Angels, descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;

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HEARING THE WORD

PSALM READING Psalm 105: 8, 16-38 (responsive, see insert)

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

ANTHEM *Oh Lord, My Hope and Refuge* Alice Jordan

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus (selected verses)

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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 *The Big Picture: The Bible in 11 Stories (3)* Laura Sugg

God Liberates and Presents a Gift

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please stand) Elder

When Abraham's descendants were slaves in Egypt,

God heard their cries and prayers.

God remembered the promise and sent Moses to free them from bondage.

We declare God's steadfast love and sovereign power.

The Lord can be trusted to keep promises.

The Lord still acts in the affairs of individuals and nations

to set oppressed and persecuted people free.

Freed slaves became the people of God

when they accepted the Lord's covenant.

God charged them to respond to this rescuing love

by obeying God's commandments.

Their life together was to express

the justice and compassion of their holy God.

Since we, too, are the Lord's covenant people,

we know we must be holy as the Lord is holy.

We must keep God's commandments,

not in order to earn or compel the Lord's favor,

but to reflect the character of God

and to be the Lord's grateful and loving people.

--from *A Declaration of Faith* (1977)

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Betsy Smith

* HYMN *God Marked a Line and Told the Sea* No. 283
(TUNE: Truro/Christ is Alive)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Laura Sugg
New members Bonnie Emge; Doug Lang, Laura Lang, Emily Lang;
Candace Tomlinson.

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Jubilant Spirit* Lauran Delancy
Ridge Ringers

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING *Doxology* No. 591/2

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* No. 115
You're invited to come forward and place an offering in
"Wilbur" or the basket for local hunger relief and a clinic in Zimbabwe.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE STF No.2241 v.1 & 4
**1. The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
To bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.**
**4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.**

POSTLUDE *Allegretto* Franz Joseph Haydn
Piano/Organ Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano Arr. Rob Roy Peery

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for a reception welcoming the new members.

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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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