

## 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 *A Mighty Fortress, Ein Feste Burg* Martin Luther  
Piano/Organ Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano Arr. Lani Smith

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder  
Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. *Ps. 90:1-6*  
**in you, we come home—to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.**  
**We dwell in you.**

Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world,  
from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

**in you, we are home—we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.**  
**We dwell in you.**

\* HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 281

CALL TO PRAYER AND PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder  
Our spirits are like new grass: *Ps. 90:5-6*  
at the dawn they spring up fresh, but by sunset they dry up and wither...  
Let us confess our frailty before our merciful God.

**Lord, we confess:** *1 Thess. 2:5-6*  
**we do not live as those worthy**  
**to be entrusted with the good news of your grace;**  
**we relate to others callously**  
**as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves;**  
**we seek to please and manipulate,**  
**using flattery to gain praise and distinction;**  
**we use condescension as a mask**  
**to cover insecurity or a need for power.**  
**Our motives are mixed, impure.**  
**Lord, reassure and cleanse us, in Jesus' name.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Amen. Beloved ones, believe again the gospel, *1 Thess. 2:7*  
that in Christ we are accepted as we are.  
Believe that we are forgiven, loved with the delight  
of a nursing mother cherishing her child.

**We believe that we are one church, the body of Christ,**  
**called to love one another as gentle children of God. 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;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.***

## HEARING THE WORD

PSALM READING Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 (responsive, see insert)  
The Word of the Lord. Deacon  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *In My Heart* American Spiritual  
Arr. Alan Bullard

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus (selected verses)  
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 Big Picture: The Bible in 11 Stories (4)* Laura Sugg  
***We Wander and Find a Home***

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder  
The Apostles' Creed (traditional) Front of Hymnal Pg. 14

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Lori Golightly

\* HYMN *God of Our Life* No. 275

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Vision* Joseph Rheinberger  
Piano/Organ Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano Arr. Lani Smith

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

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* HYMN *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* No. 115  
You're invited to come forward and place your pledge card in the basket.

\* 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 *God of Our Fathers*  
Piano/Organ Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano Arr. Lani Smith

*Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.*

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Pulpit Elder: Marny Eulberg	Deacon Reader: Jeff Stimson
Greeter: Kevin J. Myers	Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette
Ushers: Brenda Cavanaugh & Alice Datema	Flowers: The Mestdagh family
Time With Children & Youth: Don Tolin	Visitor Desk: Maxine Foster

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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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