

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 *Tell Out My Soul* Walter Greatorex
Arr. Paul Manz

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

God calls us to be builders as well.

God calls us to build our lives:

to restore broken places and continue to grow.

God calls us to build our faith:

to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

God calls us to build our community:

to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

* HYMN *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* No. 483

CALL TO PRAYER & PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) *Neh. 8:9* Elder

In contrast to God's clear word, our faults and failings
may remain hidden from others and even from ourselves.

Confession before God can clear our eyes and cleanse our hearts,
for God's mercy is as wide as the firmament of heaven. Let us pray...

God of our Restoration,

whenever we come home to you,

we realize how far we have strayed

and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love.

We have not loved you with our whole hearts

or loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you;
through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Amen. God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise,
reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts.

**God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ,
who sets us free to live in accord with God's own jubilee.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE (remain seated) *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* No. 298 v. 2

For the love of God is broader Than the measures of the mind;

And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, We would gladly trust God's Word;

And our lives reflect thanksgiving For the goodness of our Lord.

HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Deacon Pgs. 440-441
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Lord, Make Me an Instrument* J. Willcocks
Katie Sakanai, soprano Poem att.to St. Francis of Assisi

GOSPEL READING Luke 4:14-21 Pgs. 57-58

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 *Light of the World:
A Mission to Light Your Way* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Elder

God is made known in Jesus Christ.

Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement.

His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion.

His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand.

His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness.

Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love.

—from A Declaration of Faith (1977)

* HYMN *Heaven Shall Not Wait* see insert
(Katie sings v. 1, congregation vv. 2-4)

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING *I Cor. 12:14-31*

Each one of us is essential to the life and well-being of the whole body of Christ. So,
we come now to share our gifts and resources in order to care for one another and,
without dissension, for the world Christ came to save.

The offering will now be received.

OFFERTORY

Adagio

Alex Guilmant

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Christ, Be Our Light!



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered to - day.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

John 2:1-11; 1 Cor. 12:7

**God of life and of new life,
bless these gifts that we have given
that they may further your reign in this world. Amen.**

* HYMN

Arise, Your Light Is Come

No. 411

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* SUNG RESPONSE *We Are Marching in the Light of God* STF No.2235-b

***We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, Oooo marching,
we are marching in the light of God.***

POSTLUDE

Gloria Patri (from the Magnificat)

Johann Sebastian Bach
Arr. Willard Irving Nevins

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Ann Ludvigsen
Greeters: Paul & Linda Valo
Sound Engineer: Sean Mestdagh
Visitor Desk: Kathryn Milne

Deacon Reader: Janette Powers
Ushers: Brenda Cavanaugh & Alice Datema
Time with Children & Youth: Linda Valo



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.*

***Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 27, 2019***