

## 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                      *Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above*      Swedish Folk Tune  
Piano/Organ Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano      Arr. David H. Hegarty

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand)

We gather together to worship God.                      Elder

**We gather because we have seen:**

the bush was aflame,

**and yet it was not consumed.**

There were just five small loaves,

**and yet there was bread leftover.**

We gather because we have heard God's voice in mighty thunder,

**and in sighs too deep for words.**

God called Jesus "Beloved" on a mountaintop,

**and God has called our names.**

We have seen. We have heard.

**God is here. Let us worship God together!**

\* HYMN                      *Blessed Jesus at Your Word*                      No. 454

CALL TO PRAYER & PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated)

Trusting in God's love, let us pray...                      Elder

**Your reign is marked by justice and peace;**

**you are on the side of those who are oppressed.**

**Our lives are marked by comfort and avoidance;**

**we choose what is fair instead of what is just.**

**You seek transformation and compassion in this world,**

**yet we are content to wait for the promise of heaven.**

**Forgive our failings, Lord, and convict us by your spirit.**

**Move us beyond our shallow faith**

**to know the depth of your life among us.**

*(A time for silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

*Ps. 50:3; Mark 9:7*

Amen. Our God comes and does not keep silence;

God speaks to us with grace and love, saying: You are my beloved child.

This is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING      Exodus 34:29-35                      Pgs. 82-83  
The word of the Lord.                      Deacon Reader

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM                      *O Nata Lux*                      Edmund Jolliffe  
(words shared in announcements)

GOSPEL READING                      Luke 9:28-43a                      Pgs. 65-66  
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN *(As the children come forward, please join in singing.)*

***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:***                      Laura Sugg  
***Listen to Him***

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY                      *Bound For the Promised Land*                      Arr. Derek K. Hakes  
Ridge Ringers

\* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING      *Glory to God, Whose Goodness...*

***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.***

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) 2 Cor. 4:6

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us  
and the fire of faith within us.**

**When we go forth from this place  
let our lives reflect the One who is the image of your glory:  
Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE, PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SERVING COMMUNION *All Is Well* Michael W. Smith, Arr. Don Wyrzten  
Piano/Organ Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano

*Bread is taken individually. Juice/wine is taken together;*

*wine is in outer ring of tray, white grape juice inner ring, water in the center.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand.**

**Now send us forth to reflect your light,  
proclaiming your saving death and resurrection  
until you come again in glory. Amen.**

\* HYMN *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation* No. 516

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Ushers distribute Annual Report

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\* 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,***

***we are marching in the light of God.***

POSTLUDE *Praise The Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him* Arr. David H. Hegarty  
Organ/Piano Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano

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

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Pulpit Elder: Jo Ann Flores

Greeters: Nancy Rosi

Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette

Time with Children & Youth: Linda Valo

Communion Servers: Anne Baker, Linda Johnston, Ann Ludvigsen, Jeff Stimson

Deacon Reader: Betty Piperato

Ushers: Kerry Gardner & Chuck Miller

Flowers: Roxanne Foster

Visitor Desk: Ruth Breckon



*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.*

***Transfiguration Sunday***

***March 3, 2019***