

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 *Amazing Grace* Arr. Fred Bock
Organ/Piano Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand)

Here, in this place, with these people,

Elder

we find the One who leads us into God's Kingdom.

Here, in God's Kingdom, with our sisters and brothers in Christ,

we find a Feast prepared for us.

Here, in God's sanctuary, at this Table,

we eat of the good news which heals us,

we drink of the mercy which is God's gift.

* HYMN *Today We All are Called to Be Disciples* No. 434

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

How quickly we notice the mistakes of others, but never see our own faults!

Before we judge others, we need to pray that our blindness might be healed by God's gracious love. Please join me as we pray together, saying,

God our Great Shepherd: it is easy for us to lose sight of your kingdom, and your way for us. We hope that love conquers hate, that light shines in our shadows, that life is stronger than death--yet our lips are filled with bitter words, our lives are sometimes weak and shallow, the shadowed corners of the world beckon to us.

Have mercy on us and lead us to the still waters of your grace and the healing garden of your heart, Tender Shepherd. Restore our sight to see you living with us, restore our hope that we might trust you, restore our speech that we might praise you for your great gift to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(a time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

With a gentle touch, with the anointing of the Holy Spirit,
with the joy of love, God reaches out to forgive us and make us whole.

**Touch us, eternal Spirit; heal us,
Light of Love; fill our lives with new meaning, God of joy,
as we receive your forgiveness and grace. Amen.**

* SUNG RESPONSE see insert

***Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy upon us.
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* PSALM READING (in unison) Psalm 23 Pg. 507
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon

ANTHEM *Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley* American Spiritual
Belinda Smiley, Soprano, Barbara Stimson, Alto
Don Tolin, Tenor, Walt Petit, Bass

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 55:1-13 Pg. 702
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 *Disciplines of the Heart:
Walking to Connect* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

* HYMN *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* No. 357
vv. 1, 3, & 4

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING *Isa. 55:2*

Disciples of Jesus, children of God, we often spend our money
on that which is not true bread, and labor toward things that will never satisfy.
In our offering, we give to things that are of God: bread for the hungry,
good news for those who are oppressed, the ministries of the church
that welcome strangers and sons and daughters alike. We bring before God
a portion of all that God has so freely given to us.

OFFERTORY *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Arr. James Mansfield
Organ/Piano Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING see insert
No. 428 v. 1
***We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord from Thee.***

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)
**God of wilderness and Promised Land,
in days of want and in days of plenty you have been with us.
By these gifts we now share,
may others know of your providence and care.
Send us—not only our offerings, but our very selves—
to console and comfort, to lift up and reach out,
to listen and sit beside your children everywhere
at the one Table you have set;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN No. 354
Guide My Feet

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* SUNG RESPONSE No. 372 v. 2
Lord, I want to be a Christian
***Lord, I want to be more loving In-a my heart, in-a my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving In-a my heart.
In-a my heart, (In-a my heart), In-a my heart, (In-a my heart),
Lord, I want to be more loving In-a my heart.***

POSTLUDE Arr. E.P. Hopkins
Crown Him with Many Crowns
Organ/Piano Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Jo Ann Flores	Deacon Reader: Betty Piperato
Ushers: Brenda Cavanaugh & Alice Datema	Greeters: Todd & Alicia Griess
Flowers: The Lang family	Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette
Time with Children & Youth: Linda Valo	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.*

***Walking to Connect
Third Sunday of Lent
March 24, 2019***