

## 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 *Sonata in C Minor, Movement 1* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
Luke Friedman, piano

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Annika Sovold

Praise the Lord!

**Praise God from the heavens!**

Men, women, all people alike,

**old and young together!**

Let us praise the name of the Lord,

**whose name is exalted above heaven and earth! Alleluia! Amen!**

\* HYMN *I Danced in the Morning* No. 302

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Constance Griess

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new,  
let us find renewal from God. Let us pray...

**Holy God, your love knows no bounds.**

**Forgive us when we try to confine it.**

**Your grace is for all people.**

**Forgive us when we try to restrain it.**

**Your Spirit beckons us to follow.**

**Forgive us when we choose not to listen.**

**Forgive us, God,  
of the ways we fall short.**

**Set us free from our bondage,  
to love and serve you.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Amen. God's promises are trustworthy and true; our sins are forgiven.

Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen!**

\* SUNG RESPONSE refrain No. 106

***Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord.***

***Alleluia, Alleluia, Give praise to His Name.***

## HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING John 13:31-35 Pgs.102-103  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Nolan Sovold

ANTHEM *Everything* Lauren Daigle  
Annika Sovold and Naomi Sugg

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES READING Acts 11:1-18 Pg. 123  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Laura

TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

*(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.***

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES Linda Valo

SERMON ***God of Surprises:  
A Remarkable Inclusion*** Laura Sugg

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Nicholas Friedman

Please stand and join me in the Affirmation of Faith.

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community**

**in which people know**

**that God loves and accepts them.**

**They, therefore, accept themselves**

**and love others,**

**knowing that no one has any ground**

**on which to stand except God's grace.**

*—Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22*

\* HYMN *Love Canon* (see insert)  
(Katie Sakanai will lead this as a round)

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

At intervals during the prayers of the people, you are invited  
to respond to the prompt, "O God of love,"  
with the words, **"Raise us to new life in Christ."**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

John 13:34

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment,  
that you love one another.

Luke Friedman

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

Let us with gladness offer to God the gifts of our labor, life, and love.

OFFERTORY

Mini Ridge Ringers

\* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

v. 2 No. 123

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nicholas Friedman

Let us pray...

**Loving God, we give you thanks  
for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us.  
Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation.  
May they be a testament to your love for us  
as we share them in love for you;  
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

\* HYMN

*I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

STF No. 2051

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 & BLESSING

\* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

v. 5 No. 108

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
Good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring  
With joy, with justice, love and praise.**

POSTLUDE

*España*

Catherine Rollin

Nicholas Friedman, piano

Greeters: WRPC children  
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette  
Visitor Desk: Ariane Meyer

Ushers: Nolan and Isaac Sovold  
Time with Children & Youth: Naomi Sugg  
Flowers: Jeff & Barbara Stimson



*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.*

***Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Youth Sunday  
May 19, 2019***