

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 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King,* Arr. Lani Smith

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Listen to the stories of God,
passed down by the faithful from age to age.
Listen to the Son of God,
teaching us how to live, love, and serve.
Listen to the voice of God,
proclaiming the broken world “beloved.”
Listen and worship, People of God,
for God is here among us!

*HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* No. 263

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

Trusting in the tender mercy of God, let us pray...
**Holy God, forgive us when we fail to live
in the light of your good news:
when we choose politeness instead of kindness,
fear instead of love, and routine instead of revelation.
Help us to hear your Spirit calling us to new life,
and move us feel your presence wrapping us in love.**
(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

Amen. Those who trust in God will renew their strength.
They will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint.
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE (Stand as desired)

***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.***

see insert

HEARING THE WORD

EPISTLE READING I Peter 3:8-9 Deacon
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God** Pg. 224

ANTHEM *I Love the Lord* American Spiritual
Arr. Walter Ehret

GOSPEL READING Matthew 7:1-5, 12
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Pg. 6

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.

SERMON ***Novel Insights:
To Kill a Mockingbird*** Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder

**We believe God sends us
to risk our own peace and comfort
in compassion for our neighbors.
We are to give to them and receive from them,
accepting everyone we meet as a person;
to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind;
to help and accept help
in ways that affirm dignity and responsibility.
We must not limit our compassion to those we judge deserving.**
—from *A Declaration of Faith* (1977)

* HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* No. 403

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *He Leadeth Me!* Arr. Gilbert M. Martin

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

No. 138 verse 4

***Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God, Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!***

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN

Song of Hope
(sing twice)

No. 432

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GTG No. 747, see insert

***The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live. (Repeat)
The angels are not sent into our world of pain
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.***

POSTLUDE

The Brightest Trumpet

Franklin Ritter

Please come to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Marcia Hecox

Deacon Reader: Janette Powers

Greeter: Sonia Hills

Ushers: Ralph Hecox and Brenda Cavanaugh

Sound Engineer: Charles Cuthill

Time with Children & Youth: Laura Sugg

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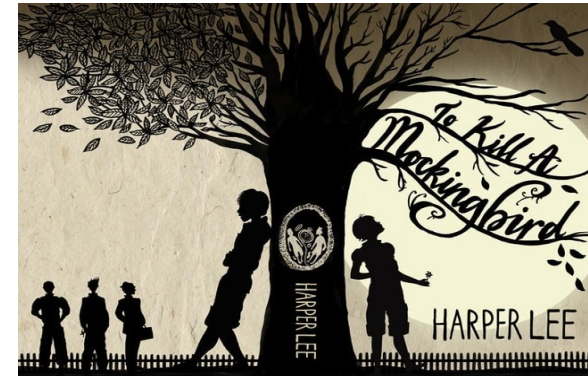
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WPC Mission Statement

*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.*

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