

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 *Processional* Alfred V. Fedak

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand if able) Elder

We are blessed when we hunger for justice
and thirst for reconciliation.

Our souls are nourished by God's hope and grace.

We are blessed when we grieve over the brokenness of the world,

choosing, as God does, to be

with those who are weak and powerless.

We are blessed when we become God's fools,

willing to do what is right and good, not what is easy.

Let us worship God!

* HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 376

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

Called to be weak, we idolize the powerful; called to be foolish,
we hunger for the world's wisdom; called to be poor in spirit, we thirst for more
and more. Let us confess to God how following Jesus is often a stumbling block.

How do we approach you, Exalted God, with our confessions?

We make you weary with our inability to do justice for the poor and

outcast. We gossip about those who are close to us, instead of being

their loving friend. We make promises, and then go back on our word.

Forgive us, God of Hope, and bless us with your mercy. By your peace,

we can do justice. By your love, we can act kindly. By your grace, we

can walk with you as humbly, and hopefully, as did our Lord and Savior,

Jesus Christ.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Amen. It is through foolishness that God makes us wise;

it is through weakness that God strengthens us to serve;

it is through forgiveness that God makes us whole.

We cannot boast in what we have done, but only in the grace

and joy of our God, who showers us with mercy. Amen.

* SUNG RESPONSE (Stand as desired.) No. 298 v. 1

There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in God's justice, Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows, Are more felt than up in heaven;

There is no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgement given.

HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Micah 6:1-3, 6-8 Pg. 891

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Deacon Reader

ANTHEM *Blessed Are They* Lee Dengler

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12 Pg. 4

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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 *Beyond Platitudes* Laura Sugg

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...")

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING *Micah 6:6 & Matthew 5:1-12*

With what shall we come before the Lord?

We come with a love of justice and a passion for sharing Christ's love.

Let us walk in humble gratitude, offering to God a portion of the gifts that

God freely shares with us, gifts for the healing of the world.

OFFERTORY *Nearer, Still Nearer* Arr. Lani Smith

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

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

Matthew 5:1-12

We thank you, God, that you have blessed us
with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world.
**May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love
as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SERVING COMMUNION *There's A Quiet Understanding* Tedd Smith

Piano/Organ Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano Arr. Ted Smith & Don Hustad

*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 (unison)

**We give you thanks and praise, O God,
that you have fed us with your mercy
and poured out your Spirit in this place.
Continue to nourish and fill us each day,
that we may live as your beloved people;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN *What Does the Lord Require of You* STF No. 2174

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Traditional Spiritual

***This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3X)
Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!***

POSTLUDE *The Soldiers Chorus* Charles Gounod
Arr. Ethel Smith

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

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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.*

***Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 2, 2020***