

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 *Simple Gifts* Elder Joseph Brackett
Arr. Jonathon Robbins

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

On this day, we gather with thanksgiving in our hearts.
For God's love is ever constant in our lives.
On this day, we would talk of all God's gifts.
Grace upon grace has been poured into our lives.
On this day, we would speak of what we believe.
We will sing glad songs for all that God has done.

* HYMN *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* No. 262 (see insert)

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

We know what it is like to be rejected, but we also remember turning our backs on others. We have experienced conflict, as well as caused pain to others. Let us confess our foolish lives to the One who seeks to forgive us on this day, and every day. Let us pray...

Everybody else does it, Watching God, and we confess that we do as well. We listen to those whose promises are sold to the highest bidder. We idolize celebrities as if they were teachers of ethics. We long for that one person who will make everything right, once again, once and for all.

Is it any wonder we are a disappointed people, God of Hope? Forgive us for turning our backs on you, even as you continue to stretch out your arms to us. Forgive us for trusting in those who prove to be false, rather than having faith in your love. Forgive us, and fill us with the spirit of faith which is given to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. Do not lose heart! God seeks to strengthen our souls, filling us with forgiveness, wonder, and joy!

Glory to you, God of mercy and grace. You want only the best for us, and so we sing praises to you. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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.***

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM READING Psalm 138 Deacon
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Deer in Mists and Almonds* Cipullo
Karl Allen, baritone, Madeleine Van de Polde, piano

OLD TESTAMENT READING I Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH *(As children & youth come forward, please sing.)*
***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 ***God at Work: God Responds*** Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please stand) Elder

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory, to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen —The Nicene Creed (q4th century)

* HYMN *This is My Father's World* No. 293 (see insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (see words to the Lord's Prayer below)

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread; And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Beau Soir* Debussy
Madeleine Van de Polde, piano

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING Tune: *Now Thank We All Our God*
***All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven.
To Father and to Son And Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, And shall be evermore.***

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* No. 369 (see insert)

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* SONG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 525 Refrain (see insert if needed)
***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.***

POSTLUDE *March* Jeremiah Clarke

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

*Many thanks to Betty Niquette and guest musicians Karl Allen and
Madeleine Van de Polde for sharing their musical talents this morning!*

Pulpit Elder: Anne Baker Deacon Reader: Janette Powers
Greeter: Jeff Stimson Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette
Ushers: Betsy Smith & Jeff Stimson Time With Children & Youth: Roxanne Foster
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to be an extended family to all,
and to serve the community
through programs, education, and prayer.*

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