

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* Please stand if able

PRELUDE *Scotland the Brave*
Centennial State Pipes and Drums

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

ENERGIZER VBS Kids

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Leader: When we look at the night sky, speckled with stars,
People: we discover the never-ending imagination of our God.
Leader: When we pick those not chosen on life's playgrounds,
People: we join Christ in the ministry of healing and hope.
Leader: When we set aside the time for prayer, as well as wonder,
People: we meet the Spirit who is at our side in every moment.

* HYMN *Gather Us In* (See insert)

CALL TO PRAYER AND PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Please be seated.) Elder

Leader: Let us come to our God, speaking of those things we would rather forget, so we may once again hear the words of healing and hope. Let us pray...
People: Always-Listening God, In that effort to cross the finish line of achievement, we know we have rushed by those we could have stopped to help. In our channel-surfing for the next big thing, the new guru, the bestseller which would change our lives, we pass over that quiet place where we could listen to your heart, and find our true home. Forgive us, God who hears our hearts. In setting aside false pride, may we reach down to lift up the fallen. In turning from the stress which controls our lives, may we find the One who leads us into the kingdom of hope and joy, Jesus Christ.

(A time for silent prayer.)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Leader: No matter how many times it is said, it bears repeating: God loves us, God forgives us, God heals us, God restores us to new life.
People: This is Good News! God listens to our words, fills us with grace, and sends us forth to proclaim the gospel to others.
All: Thanks be to God, Amen.

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Glory to God...* (See insert)

HEARING THE WORD

PSALTER READING *Psalm 147:1-18*
Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Amazing Grace*
Centennial State Pipe and Drums

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.

VBS Sing-Along (See special insert for words) VBS Kids

SERMON *Finding God in Whimsy and Delight* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please stand.) Elder

**We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of all Life,
of Sun and Moon, of Water and Earth, of Male and Female.**
**We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.**
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
**He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
And his kingdom will come on Earth.**
**We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of eternal life.**

Amen. —from the Iona Community in Scotland

*HYMN *I Danced in the Morning* (See insert)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (For Lord's Prayer words see insert)
(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Highland Cathedral*
Centennial State Pipes and Drums

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING Tune: Old Hundredth
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

* HYMN *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* (See insert)

* CHARGE & BENECTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
1. May the grace of Christ our Savior, ***2. Thus may we abide in union***
The Creator's boundless love, ***With each other and the Lord,***
And the Holy Spirit's favor, ***And possess, in sweet communion,***
Rest upon us from above. ***Joys which earth cannot afford.***

POSTLUDE *Green Hills of Tyrol*
Centennial State Pipes and Drums

Please come to Fellowship Hall for a picnic and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Jim Niquette
Greeter: Jeff Stimson
Accompanist: Betty Niquette
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette
Outdoor Setup Advisor: Charles Miller

Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly
Ushers: Karen Ledgerwood and
Chet Myers
Children's Time: Laura Sugg
Flowers: John and Roxanne Foster



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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