

## 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** "Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Triumphant" Organist, Julie Pulliam  
David Paxton,

**Welcome and Announcements** Pulpit Elder, Anne Baker

\* **Call to Worship** (Please stand) Elder

Come, you who are weary.

**Lay down your burdens, for God can carry them.**

Come, you who are joyful.

**Join in God's praise with the choir of the saints.**

Come, you who are doubting.

**Behold the one who brings sight to the blind.**

Let us worship God.

\* **Hymn** "Blest Are They" STF # 2155

**Prayer for Renewal** (Be seated, unison) Elder

Let us pray...

**O Lord, you have taught us**

**that whoever wishes to become great must be a servant,**

**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.**

**Heal us of our blindness, O Lord,**

**for it is a blindness we have chosen.**

**We close our eyes when faced with suffering of the world,**

**turn our gaze away from the needs of our neighbors,**

**and blur our faces in the mirror,**

**lest we recognize your image.**

**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.**

**Heal us of our blindness,**

**and open our eyes to the beauty of your grace.**

(time for silent prayer)

**Assurance of God's Grace** The Rev. Ashley Seaman Taylor

Amen. Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God

and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

\* **Gloria** "Gloria Patri" PH # 579

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

## HEARING THE WORD

**Prayer for Illumination and Scripture Readings:**

Psalm 34:1-8; 19-22 (pg. 514)

Deacon Reader, Lary Cahill

Mark 10:46-52 (NT pg. 44)

Guest Preacher, Rev. Ashley Seaman Taylor

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Special Music**

"Our Strength"

Singer, Katie Sakanai

Shaker song  
from Canterbury NH

**Time with All Ages**

(As the children and youth come forward, please join in singing)

Director of C.E., Linda Valo

Tune: Ode to Joy

***God, we love this congregation! On this day, we're glad to see  
friends and neighbors, gathered, praying, as a church community.***

***Young and old, we join in worship—some in person, some on line.***

***We are drawn by faith and friendship in this blessed place and time.***

(After TWAA, children Pre-K-6th grade may leave with Linda Valo for Kids' Kingdom.)

**Sermon**

"Delivered Me from Fear"

Rev. Ashley Seaman Taylor

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* **Affirmation of Faith** (Please Stand)

Elder

**We believe that God is the one**

**who wishes to bring about justice**

**and true peace among people.**

**We believe that God,**

**in a world full of injustice and enmity,**

**is in a special way**

**the God of the destitute,**

**the poor, and the wronged.**

--Adapted from the *Confession of Belhar*

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

Page 16 in front of Hymnal

**Offertory** "Elevation" Cesar Franck

**\*Doxology** "God, Whose Giving Knows no Ending" No. 422 v.1, Tune: Sacred Harp  
*God, whose giving knows no ending, From your rich and endless store,  
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
Gifted by You, we turn to You, Offering up ourselves in praise;  
Thankful song shall rise forever, Gracious donor of our days.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication** The Rev. Ashley Seaman Taylor

**\*Hymn** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" PH # 377

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Closing Sung Response** STF# 2223 verse 1 and refrain see insert  
*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

**Postlude** "Trumpet Tune and Flourishes" Organist, Julie Pulliam  
David Maxwell

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Pulpit Elder: Anne Baker  
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Time with All Ages: Linda Valo

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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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October 24, 2021*