

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: "Festival March" Organist, Julie Pulliam
Robert J. Powell

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Dr. Whitney Dempsey

* Call to Worship (Please stand) Elder

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

God calls us to be builders as well.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God;

The holy habitation of the Most High.

The Lord pours forth rivers from bare mountains, and fountains in valleys' depths.

God opens rocks, and water gushes out.

Unison: On dry thirsty land God springs forth streams in the desert.

God calls us to build our lives:

* Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 276

Call to Prayer and Prayer for Renewal (Be seated) Elder

We belong to God. Nothing can break this covenant.

Let us, then, with confidence approach God to honestly confess our sins in prayer.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Remember the promises you made to us in baptism,

forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness.

Set us free from all that enslaves us,

and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ,

that we may be your faithful servants,

showing forth your healing love to the world,

to the glory of your holy name.

(A time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon Whit Dempsey

Amen. Do not fear for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine."

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, we are redeemed, we are made new.

* Sung Response (Stand as desired.) Tune: Bring a Torch

Love has come: a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.

See all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:

Love! Love! Born unto you a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on High.

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination and Scripture Readings

Psalms 29 (pgs. 510-511)

Deacon Reader, Valerie Friedman

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NT pgs.56-57)

The Rev. Dr. Whitney Dempsey

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

Time with all Ages: C.E. director of Children & Youth, Linda Valo

(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.

Special Music "The Lord will Bless His People" Text: Psalm 29:
Singer, Katie Sakanai Richard Cheri & Jalonda Robertson

Sermon I Love You The Rev. Dr. Whitney Dempsey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Renewal of Baptism

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts **We lift them to the Lord.**

Lord and life-giving Spirit,

who charged the waters with life when first the world began:

Make us dead to sin, but alive to you.

Saving Lord, who sheltered us with Noah in the ark upon the flood:

Drown our sin and raise us to new life.

Isaiah 43:1-7 (pg. 687)

Baptismal Prayer

* Affirmation of Faith (Responsive, Please Stand) Elder

Through our baptism into Christ, we were redeemed from our slavery to the powers of sin and made citizens of God's Commonwealth. Let us remember what God has done and is doing by renewing our baptismal vows, renouncing sin and professing faith in Christ Jesus.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God?

Accepting the Father's love,

I renounce all that makes me less than a child of God.

Do you renounce all powers in the world that defy God's Way of Life for all?

In the name of Christ Jesus, I renounce them.

Will you resist the forces of sin that hold the world in captivity?

With the power of the Holy Spirit, I will resist them.

Trusting the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from evil to seek good?

By the grace of God, I do.

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world?

I believe Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.

Will you follow the Spirit of the living Lord and live in accord with God's Way?

By God's grace, I will walk in the Spirit Way.

* **Hymn** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 356

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer Front of Hymnal, Pg. 16
(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

Offertory "Prelude (Number 1 from Well Tempered Clavichord)" Organist, Julie Pulliam
by J.S. Bach

* **Presentation of Offering** (Verse 4, No. 22)

*All creation, join in praising, God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Ever more your voices raising, to th'eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!*

* **Prayer of Dedication**

* **Hymn** "Seek Ye First" No. 333

Charge and Benediction

* **Sung Congregational response:** *Christ, Be Our Light!* GTG 314



Postlude "He Is King of Kings" Spiritual
Arr. Anthony Giamanco

Pulpit Elder: Bonnie Emge	Deacon Reader: Valerie Friedman
Time with All Ages: Linda Valo	Greeter: Sonia Hills
Ushers: Jo Ann Flores and Kerry Gardner	Check-In Desk: Roxanne Foster

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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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