

# Gathering

## LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Ervin

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let's be gathered...here...together...

Men: Those of us who are tired and want to be renewed;

Women: Those of us who are hungry and seek nourishing food;

**All: Those of us who are suffocating and want to breathe freely;**

Leader: Let's be gathered...here...together...

**All: Those of us who are stuck and yearn to grow and grow and grow;**

Men: Those of us who are ignored and want a sense of purpose;

Women: Those of us who are tossed about and long for a place to belong;

**All: Let's be gathered...here...together...all of us...and worship God!**

### \* HYMN 32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Listen to the good news! Though we know what is good, and often do what is not, God frees us from our sin and guilt so that we might be renewed to accept our potential as part of God's very good creation. So let's pause, be silent, and then give thanks and sing to God!**

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

*You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as forgiven people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."*

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

# Proclaiming

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cheryl Gulbranson (8:00)

Michele Derr (11:00)

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### SUNG PSALM

Psalm 65

*Please sing:*

**Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days.**

**Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.**

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### SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

Sandy Talbott (8:00)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## THIRD READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*God Says Grow*

Rev. Sanderford

# Responding

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

*Please refer to section 2, page 37 in Glory to God.*

\* **HYMN 171**

*A Sower Came from Ancient Hills*

SEACHRIST

Stanzas 1 and 3 – soloist

Stanzas 2 and 4 – congregation

## WELCOME

*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.*

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

### Offertory

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*

William Rowan

Please sing the refrain:

**The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;  
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!**

**We shall go out with joy, and be led forth in peace,  
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.**

\* **Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

*See Communion Card*

*During the distribution, please join the soloist when indicated:*

**... Come to the table of ... This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

# Sending

\* **HYMN 775**

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

WALK WITH ME

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **HYMN 80**

*You Shall Go Out with Joy*

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

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\* Please rise in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type.**