



# Gathering


**LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

Rev. Sanderford (8:00)

Rev. Buckley (11:00)

**FAITH IN ACTION**

CEPAD (Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua)

Carol Smith

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We look to the rulers of this earth

**All: for leadership, wisdom, and strength.**

One: We look to these bodies of ours

**All: for stability, fulfillment, and joy.**

One: We look to families and friends

**All: for love, compassion, and hope.**

One: When rulers betray, when bodies fail, and when families disappoint,

**All: God offers another look. God will guide us.**

One: God's Spirit will sustain us.

**All: Christ will welcome us home.**

One: Come, my sisters and brothers,

**All: we are all God's family now.**

Inspired by 1 Samuel 8, 11; 2 Corinthians 4–5, and Mark 3. Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2012, © 2011 Abingdon Press by Mary Scifres.

**\* HYMN 20***All Things Bright and Beautiful***\* HYMN 19***God of Great and God of Small***PRAYER OF CONFESSION****God of our lives, we know that we are hard to move and motivate. Complacency gets in our way. Forgive us, Lord.****Help us to live each day as best we can, not out of fear for the end of time, but out of a desire to take part in the fullness of your time. For the sake of your kingdom, we pray.****SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**One: Friends, believe the good news. **All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.****\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's 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**

Nancy Pflasterer (8:00)

Joe Bones (11:00)

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

2 Corinthians 4:15 – 5:1

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****\* HYMN 19***O for a World*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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**SERMON**

Rev. Rogers

 **Responding** 

**HYMN 177**

*I Will Come to You*

YOU ARE MINE

*Please remain seated to sing the refrain when indicated.*

**WELCOME**

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

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory**

*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

John Ylvisaker

\* **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*

*Please join the soloist singing:*

**You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat; come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.**

This response is Hymn 523.

**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 250**

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower  
(Hymn of Promise)*

PROMISE

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **HYMN 540**

*Farewell, Good Friends!*

SHALOM, CHAVERIM

**Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends! Shalom, shalom!**

**Till we meet again, till we meet again, shalom, shalom!**

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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**. Large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.