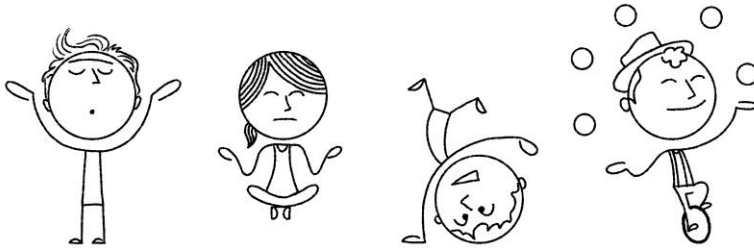


Am I Doing This Right?



AUGUST 24, 2014

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, Accompanist

WELCOME

Ky Stoltzfus, Worship Leader

INVOCATION

L: God, light a flame of love in our hearts, (silent prayer)
a flame of love to our families and friends, (silent prayer)
a flame of love to our neighbors, (silent prayer)
a flame of love to our enemies. (silent prayer)

***All: Light a flame of love in our hearts to all,
from the lowliest thing that lives,
to the Name above all names. AMEN.***

*HYMN #1 SJ

We sing to you, O God

CHILDREN'S TIME

Caitlin Linscheid

BACKPACK BLESSING**

Wise and wonderful God, we dedicate these backpacks and bless the students who carry them. Accompany the students to school. Strengthen their minds and their bodies. As they grow in knowledge, may they discover the gifts and passions that you have entrusted to them. May they learn kindness, creativity, and care. Bless their classmates, their teachers, and their parents, we pray. Amen.

HYMN SJ #90

Lord, we bring to your our children

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:4-7

PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

L: In our lives full of noise and motion, busyness, activity and pressure, it is sometimes hard to stop and clear a place for you, O God.

C: Help us be still and learn of you, Spirit of Life within.

L: A great gulf sometimes exists: our outer life of work, roles, and responsibility, dependent on external conditions and the perceptions of others, and our inner life where our spirits are enriched by your gracious presence.

C: Help us be still and learn of you, Spirit of Life within.

L: We long for times of refreshment away from pollution: noise pollutants of engines, gadgets, gossip; sight pollutants of billboard and litter, spirit pollutants of prejudice, pessimism, put-downs.

C: Help us be still and learn of you, Spirit of Life within.

L: We seek release from oppressive feelings that bind us: fear, resentment, anxiety, regret, and guilt. Put within us peace, a forgiving spirit, true repentance, and faith.

C: Help us be still and learn of you, Spirit of Life within.

L: We clear a place for you, O God, because we hear of your greatness, we see your grace in our lives, and we desire to live fully aware in your presence.

All: We will be faithful in waiting for you. Amen.

MEN'S ENSEMBLE

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

SERMON

The juggling act that is life

HYMN #557

O God, in restless living

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

- Introductions

We are glad you are here. Once the attendance register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

- Joys and Concerns

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.

- Prayers of the People

- Announcements

- Offering

*HYMN #60 SJ

Lord of all good

*SENDING FORTH***

L: God be our peace, comfort and strength;

C: God be our hope and support, our light and our way;

L: and may the blessing of God,

C: Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life,

All: remain with us now and forever. Amen.

*SUNG BENEDICTION #77 SJ

The peace of the earth be with you

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "SJ" are in the green *Sing the Journey* hymnal.

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Thank you Jesse Graber for the image on the front of the bulletin.

Men's Ensemble: Stan Buller, Kenton Kaufman, Duane Graber, Aaron Linscheid, Christian Buller, Andy Shelly, Jesse Graber, John Albertson, Jon Wiebe, Jeff Janzen, Mitch Kaufman

Anthem translation:

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

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