

# SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

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PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, Accompanist

WELCOME

Dan Duncan, Worship Leader

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship together.

**All: Different people, different lives, different histories,**

One: Yet we all belong to the same world,

**All: Created lovingly by the Source of all life!**

One: We gather to reconnect with one another.

**All: Different people, different lives, different histories,**

One: Yet all disciples of one Teacher,

**All: Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.**

One: We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears,

**All: Different people, different lives, different histories,**

One: Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

**All: Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us,  
among us, and through us.\*\***

\*HYMN #51

*Let the whole creation cry*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mike Horner

HYMN SJ #82

*Water has held us*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:1-6 and Ephesians 3:14-21

SERMON

Scarred, scared, and sacred

ANTHEM

*God of creation*

Medema

(Please reserve expressions of appreciation for Community Building time)

SERVICE OF BAPTISM: HANNAH SCHRAG AND ANDREW MOORE

REFLECTION AND BLESSING

Tanya Ortman

PRAYER

\*BAPTISM

\*SUNG RESPONSE SJ #81

*Take, O take me as I am*

\*SPOKEN RESPONSE

**As we now receive you into the fellowship of the church,  
we make this covenant with you  
as we renew our own covenant with God:**

**to bear each others' burdens,  
to assist in times of need,  
to share our gifts and possessions,  
to forgive as Christ has forgiven us,  
to support each other in joy and sorrow,  
and in all things to work for the common good,  
thus making known Christ's presence among us  
to the glory of God.**

**As we unite with each other now,  
may we all be joined with Christ, our Lord.\*\*\***

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

INTRODUCTIONS

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

SHARING JOY

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

*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.*

OFFERING

*Seek Ye First*

Kate Kaufman, Jon Wiebe

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN (see insert in back of blue hymnal)

*Ours the journey*



*Children in K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.*

\*SENDING FORTH: LUKE 1:78-79

One: By the tender mercy of our God,  
may the dawn from on high break upon us,

**All: to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace. AMEN.**

\*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.

\*\*Adapted from worship resources provided by the Peace and Justice Support Network of Mennonite Church USA.

\*\*\**Hymnal: A worship book #777*

Now **Here** God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now?  
What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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