

OCTOBER 25, 2015

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

PRELUDE

Karen Hostetler, Accompanist

WELCOME

Carmen Shelly, Worship Leader

PRAYER

L: Today we gather as a questioning, searching community.
As we sing, listen, pray, and support one another, we pray for Divine Presence to surround us, quiet us, challenge us, and lead us.

**C: Keep our questions alive,
that we may always be seekers rather than settlers.**

L: Guard us well from settling in with the answers we cling to.

**C: Make of us a questioning people.
Give us the feet of pilgrims on this journey unfinished. AMEN.**

*HYMN (see insert)

Christ's parables

CHILDREN'S TIME

Aaron Barnhart

Luke 18:9-14 (see insert)

CONFESSION

L: Lord our God,
you remind us through your holy people
that our religious practices fall short if we use them to bend you our way.
You know no favorites and show no partiality;
yet we continue to make you into our image and forgot in whose image we
were all created.

All: **Grant us true love and charity; Fill us with Divine Presence.**

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L: Forgive us for worshipping the gods of this world who bring death.
Free us from their grip, that we might discover true, abundant life.

All: Grant us true love and charity; Fill us with Divine Presence.

L: Turn us away from covetous desires and from greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth.

Challenge us when we remain indifferent to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, and the refugee.

Heal us from lust which dishonors the bodies of men, women, and children.

All: Grant us true love and charity; Fill us with Divine Presence.

L: Look upon us who come before you
as did the penitent tax collector, and grant that we might be full of Divine Presence, offering the world true love and charity.

ANTHEM *Where Charity and Love Prevail* Livingston

SERMON Aaron Barnhart

HYMN # 145 *There's a wideness in God's mercy*

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Picture time! At this time everyone is invited to proceed out the south doors for a congregational photo next to our new church sign. This photo will be shared with the Western District Conference assembly next weekend.

*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.

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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