

# AUGUST 14, 2016

Worship – 9:30 a.m. Whitmore Park Olympics– 10:50 a.m.

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE Karen Goering Hostetler, Accompanist

WELCOME Christian Buller, Worship Leader

### \*PRAYER

L: Lord God, you ask us to love you with all we possess.

**C: Today we bring ourselves, just as we are:**

L: Tired, confused, joyful, strong, and weak.

**All: We offer ourselves in all our complexity. Rekindle us.  
Remind us how to love you with all of our being. AMEN.**

\*HYMN #28 SJ *We worship God the Rock*

## BLESSINGS AND STORYTELLING

CHILDREN'S TIME Renee Reimer

BACKPACK BLESSING SONG (see insert) *God of all learning*

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 6: 4-9; Leviticus 19:17-18  
Mark 12: 28-34

### PRAYER

L: Jesus, you are the Great Questioner.

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

L: Guard us well from the sin of settling in,  
with our answers hugged tightly.

**All: Make of us a wondering, far-sighted, questioning, restless people.  
Give us the feet of pilgrims on this journey unfinished.\*\***

MEDITATION *Mistaking the huddle for the game*

## SERVICE OF BAPTISM

### BLESSINGS

#### \*BAPTISM

JACOB KAUFMAN: My faith journey has come a long way in recent years. Between going to camp, coming to church, and thinking about God on my own time I have learned to ask myself the tough questions sometimes not anticipating an easy answer. I trust that my belief in God and the community of people he surrounds me with will support me and bring me joy.

JASON LEUENBERG: I have chosen to be baptized because I want to lead a Christian life and have come to the conclusion thanks to the importance that baptism symbolizes. Along with this, becoming an official member of this church is important to me and it will give me a greater sense of belonging in this community.

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #777

#### \*HYMN (see insert)

*O Blessed Spring*

## COMMUNITY BUILDING

### SHARING JOY

*We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

### 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

*Poor Wayfaring Stranger*  
Madeline Bollinger, Renee Reimer

arr. Althouse

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SENDING

\*HYMN #63 SJ st. 1, 2, 5

*Lord, you give the great commission*

### \*SENDING FORTH

L: Hear, O people: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

C: **And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other  
commandment greater than these. 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.

\*\*STS #150

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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