

AUGUST 21, 2016

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Guatemala presentation and lunch-11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE Rosi Penner Kaufman, Accompanist

WELCOME Christian Buller, Worship Leader

*PRAYER: PSALM 36:5-9

L: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

C: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

L: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

All: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

*HYMN #46

I sing the mighty power of God

STORYTELLING

CHILDREN'S TIME Nancy Gritman

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 137: 1-6
Response: #148 *By the waters*, in canon as directed

NEW TESTAMENT READING Colossians 3:12-17

SERMON *That sweet, though far off song*

GAUTEMALAN LORD'S PRAYER** (see insert)

HYMN #229

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore

St. 1 and 2: Abby Banning, solo

Jon Wiebe, cello

Refrain: all sing refrain each time

St. 3 and 4: all sing, in language of your choice

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 #358 *Oyenos, mi Dios*

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

Offertory:

HaChZaRaH: The Arousal of the Return

Vandervelde
Jon Wiebe, cello

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

*HYMN #404

O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns

*SENDING FORTH

All: *Giver of song, we give thanks for songs that surround us in the dark of night, and for songs that waken us when morning breaks.*

L: Give a song to all who need the comfort and reassurance of your presence: those in trouble or in pain, those overwhelmed by the demands of work, and those whose past destroys their peace.

All: *Giver of song, sing through us and bring your world to joy and rest. 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.

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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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