

AUGUST 7, 2016

Worship – 9:30 am

Freedom School Fundraising Brunch – 11:00 am

“Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) has been in the forefront of the nonviolent struggle for peace with justice. What is important about FOR is what it stands for. And that is a courageous dedication to the liberation of humanity from the triple evils of poverty, racism, and violence.”

—Coretta Scott King, Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Carol Buller, Accompanist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Ruth Harder and Ryne Preheim, Worship Leaders

*HYMN #110

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing

STORYTELLING

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 32:1-14

SUNG CONFESSION SJ #66

If the war goes on

*sing as indicated at beginning of stanzas

SILENT PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

INTRODUCING REV. KRISTIN STONEKING

SERMON

Of Protests and Change
Rev. Kristin Stoneking

HYMN #368

O God of love, O Power of peace

TABLE SHARING

COMMUNION SERVICE

Words of Invitation and Institution

Sharing Bread and Cup

Please come forward by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. Return by the side aisle. To receive a blessing in lieu of partaking in the bread and cup, please present yourself with hands folded. Gluten free crackers and grapes are also available.

*Hymn of Response #477 *For the bread*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

*HYMN #67 SJ

Let there be light, Lord God

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Kristin Stoneking

*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.

Today we welcome guest preacher and **Executive Director of Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) Rev. Kristin Stoneking**. Kristin, a United Methodist minister, lives with her wife Elizabeth and their two children in Davis, California, and travels the country to support FOR's work in organizing, training, and peacemaking.

Kristin's work experience includes pastoring a United Methodist church in Lawrence, KS, as well as serving 14 years as Executive Director of the Cal Aggie Christian Association at the University of California, Davis. During her tenure at "CA House," Kristin gained renown for launching a Multifaith Living Community, which has become a national model for interreligious engagement and collaboration. Kristin has also done pastoral work on gang and gun violence, and research and advocacy for immigration rights.

Kristin is no stranger to many at Rainbow Mennonite. Between the ages of 3-10, Kristin lived with her parents, John and Roseanne, and sister Anne, in the Methodist parsonage (now the Rainbow Mennonite Voluntary Service house). At that time her father Rev. John Stoneking was serving as the United Methodist pastor when this church (now Rainbow Mennonite) was home to Methodists, Mennonites, and Disciples of Christ.

Kristin credits her parents and the Methodists and Mennonites in her life for, "creating programs that lifted people up, that lifted up choices towards life." Whitmore Playground across the street from Rainbow is especially significant. "One of my earliest experiences," Kristin said in a recent interview "was of living in the inner city of Kansas City and our congregation was across the street from a school that the KC school board decided to close and the decision was to sell the property to a company that was going to bury old oil drums on the site and knock down the school, knock down the playground, the only playground for miles...my dad and our congregation took on the school board. And through lots of political machinations and attempts to get this congregation to go away, they won. They won the site for the people of the neighborhood and built a playground there. They did so through organizing, they did so through different kinds of resistance and campaigns...That is classic non-violence in action...It was sourced from the community that held each other up spiritually. What I saw demonstrated was that in order to take on violent systems or violence in the world, it's really important to have community of accountability and support to remind you what you believe in and where you come from."

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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