

**FEBRUARY 12, 2017**

***Being Mennonite:  
Explore the past, act in the present, shape the future***

**Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.**

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**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Duane Graber

\*HYMN #19

*Open now thy gates of beauty*

**STORYTELLING**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Leroy Seat

HYMN #7

*Here O Lord, your servants gather*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:1-22

SERMON

*Mixed signals*

ANTHEM

*Even when God is silent*

Michael Horvit

I believe in the sun *even when it is not shining.*  
I believe in love *even when feeling it not.*  
I believe in God *even when God is silent.*

# COMMUNITY BUILDING

## SILENT PRAYER

## 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

Offertory: *Christ's is the world*

Caitlin Linscheid, soprano (text printed on next page)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SENDING

\*HYMN #403

*The church of Christ in every age*



*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.*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Offertory text:

Christ's is the world in which we move,  
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love,  
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,  
And Christ is the one who meets us here.

(Refrain)

To the lost Christ shows his face;  
To the unloved he gives his embrace;  
To those who cry in pain or disgrace,  
Christ makes, with his friends, a healing place.

Feel for the people we most avoid,  
Strange or bereaved or never employed;  
Feel for the women, and feel for the men  
Who fear that their living is all in vain. (Refrain)

Feel for the parents who've lost their child,  
Feel for the women whom men have defiled,  
Feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,  
And feel for the weary who find no rest. (Refrain)

Feel for the lives by life confused,  
Riddled with doubt, in loving abused;  
Feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,  
Which longs to be pure but fears to begin. (Refrain)

From *Sing the Journey*, #62. Text: John Bell, Tune: Scottish folk song

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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