



JUNE 25, 2017

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Storytelling and reflections – 10:50 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler, accompanist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Carmen Shelly

*HYMN #1 SJ

We sing to you, O God

STORYTELLING

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mike Horner

READING

Old Turtle

Douglas Wood

*HYMN #77

God of many names

SERMON

God is like...

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lord of the Dance
Caitlin Linscheid, soprano

arr. Hart

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 #511

God, who touches earth

*SENDING FORTH PRAYER

*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.

****Prayer by Walter Brueggemann**

Source: *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*

God of heaven and lord of earth, tamer of heaven, lover of earth,
sovereign over the waters that surge, provider for birds, beasts, and fish,
chooser of Israel and commander of all humanity.

Your vistas remind us of how close and small we keep our horizons,
how much we blink at your power, and wince from your justice,
how much we waver in the face of your commanding mercy.

You, you only, God of heaven and lord of earth.

Comes the rain upon our parade, and the floods upon our nations,
and winds upon our personal configurations,
Comes your shattering and your reconfiguring in ways we doubt or we fear.
We discover yet again, how sandy we are, with the quaking of our foundations
and our fantasized firmaments. We are filled with trembling and nightmares that disturb.

And then you, rock solid stable reliable sure
You rock against our sand,
You rock of ages,
You rock that is higher than us treading water,
You rock of compassion
—be compassionate even for us, our loved ones and all our needy neighbors.
You rock of abidingness for our sick,
and for those long loved, lingering memories, dead and in your care.
You rock of justice for the nations,
fed up with our hate, exhausted by the greed of our several tribes,
You rock of communion in our loneliness,
rock of graciousness in our many modes of gracelessness.

Come be present even here and there, and there and there,
Move us from our sandy certitudes to your grace-filled risk,
Move us to become more rock-like in compassion and abidingness and justice,
Move us to be more like you in our neighborliness and in our self-regard.
Yes, move us that we may finally stand on the solid rock, no more sinking sand.

God of heaven. Lord of earth,
hear our resolve, heal our unresolve,
that we may finish in sure trust and in glad obedience.
That we may know what to do by our careful pondering of you. Amen.

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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