

Voices of Conscience



SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Nancy Bosché, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Nick Schroeder, worship leader

May Holy Wisdom, kind to humanity, steadfast, sure and free,
the breath of the power of God, may She who makes all things new, in every age,
enter our souls, and make us friends of God, through Jesus Christ.

-St. Hilda Community, England

*HYMN #34

When the morning stars together

STORYTELLING

CHILDREN'S TIME

Leroy Seat

HYMN #299

New earth, heavens new

SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 2:12-16
Colossians 4:2-4

SERMON

Holy Now!
Rosi Penner Kaufman

ANTHEM

I cannot dance, O Love

text: based on writings of Mechthild of Magdeburg, by Jean Janzen

music: Alice Parker

COMMUNITY BUILDING

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Jon Wiebe

Leader: God of wisdom, today we recognize the gift of volunteers who work with children and youth in our community of faith.

Congregation: We give thanks!

Leader: Guide them in the direction of your way. They want to hear your voice, God. They want to know you.

Volunteers: Send us enthusiasm when we don't feel enthusiastic. Send us patience when we are out of it. Send us large shoulders to lean on. Send us ears to hear the things that aren't being said. Send us eyes to see beneath the surface. Send us words to say when they ask the hard questions.

Leader: We are grateful for their commitment to you and to us. Fill them with wisdom, love, and the power of your Spirit as they carry out the church's ministries of nurture and education.

Congregation: We give thanks. Amen.

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- see prayer on insert by Ruth Duck

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 (see insert)

Spirit, working in creation



Children in K - 5th 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.

*SENDING FORTH**

One: May the strengthening Spirit bear fruit in our creating;

All: May the anointing Spirit touch our brokenness;

One: May the breath of the Spirit infuse us with the beautiful perfumes of goodness;

All: May the flowing Spirit spring up as Wisdom's fountain in our hearts;

One: May the enfolding Spirit become our well-fitting garment;

All: May the sword of the Spirit defend our vulnerability;

One: May the guiding Spirit lead us through the heights and the depths;

All: May the elemental Spirit connect us to the natural world;

One: May the joyful Spirit temper the solemnity of our knowing

All: So that we may become a song within the Divine creation.

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

** A Hildegard Blessing by June Boyce-Tillman

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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Prayer for the City by Ruth C. Duck

God of peace, in Jesus you wept for the city, you loved the city, place of human greed, violence, wealth, and poverty, but also place of hope and human gathering.

We pray for our cities, and for the metropolitan areas, that the needs of all for food and shelter and work, for justice and dignity, might be met.

God of peace, we pray that the diverse people living here may join their efforts to seek the good of all.

Minister to this city through the hands of your people, as they feed the hungry, heal the sick, and comfort the sorrowing.

(silent prayer)

God of peace, we pray for people living in cities and country sides around the world, who seek to survive.

We pray for refugees and for those who have been driven off the land. May they too find what they need to live.

Keep alive in us the hope of the new Jerusalem, of the city that finds its light from your presence, and its joy in doing your will, where tears are dried, and violence is no more. Through Jesus Christ let it be. Amen.

Spirit, working in creation

Musical score for the first system, measures 1-3. The score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Spir - it, work - ing in cre - a - tion, bring - ing or - der; Spir - it speak - ing through the my - stics so the voice of; Spir - it driv - ing to the de - sert e - ven God's A -; Spir - it, breathed on the dis - ci - ples, giv - ing peace where.

Musical score for the second system, measures 4-6. The score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: out of strife: come a - mong God's gath - ered peo - ple, God was heard, come, in - spire, a - lert your peo - ple; noint - ed One: come to us in trial and test - ing; there was fear: come a - mong us, touch us, send us,

Musical score for the third system, measures 7-9. The score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: giv - ing har - mo - ny and life. to this day's pro - phe - tic word. that God's will in us pre - be done. mak - ing Je - sus' pre - sence near.

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