



## Consider Confront Change

### **Consider.**

Ponder the cost of action  
or that of none  
what is to be gained  
what can be lost  
who will be rewarded  
and who will lose their reward  
Look for the values you hold and  
less at the valuables that are yours

### **Confront.**

Make the turn towards  
choose not to turn away.  
Let both fear and hope  
reside in you but do not  
let them blind you to  
what you may see  
even if only in part  
Be on the front line to  
encounter your own presumptions

### **Change.**

Be counted.  
Speak a new language  
form new convictions  
renew your dedications  
open up the boxes and  
move beyond them  
using the old walls as springboards.  
Fan the flame and move with it;  
that which is the Christ.\*\*

# SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Worship 9:30am

Sunday School 10:50am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Karla Leuenberg, pianist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Ruth Harder, worship leader

HYMN (see back page)

*In the midst of new dimensions*

## WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CHILDREN'S TIME

Joshua Chittum

ANTHEM

*This Little Light of Mine*  
Rainbow Choir and WorshipArts

arr. Leavitt

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

Dr. Jalene Schmidt

\*HYMN #411

*I bind my heart this tide*

## WE RESPOND AND SHARE

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 pew racks 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 table at the front of the sanctuary.*

OFFERING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor before the worship service.*



*Children in K-5grades are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 120), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions, and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.*

## WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

### \*SENDING FORTH PRAYER, HYMN AND POSTLUDE

*Please remain standing for the closing hymn and postlude.*

### \*HYMN #135

*God, whose purpose is to kindle*

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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

Songs designated "SJ" are in the green *Sing the Journey* hymnal.

As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

\*\*The symposium logo and the visual at the front of the sanctuary was inspired by these three C's: Consider, Confront, Change. Thank you, Lonnie Buerge, for writing this prayer/poem tying it all together.

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# In the Midst of New Dimensions

In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,  
Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war - ring fac-tions, and de - spair,  
As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,  
We are man and we are wo-man, all per-sua-sions, old and young,  
Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,

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who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?  
who will lift the ol - ive branch - es? Who will light the flame of care?  
grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.  
each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.  
may your blaz - ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a gain.

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God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar,

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We your peo - ple ours the jour - ney now and ev - er more.