

July 7, 2019

Worship 9:30am

Sunday School 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, organist

WELCOME** AND PRAYER

Leroy Seat, worship leader

One: Friends, brothers, sisters, siblings,
you who seek the living God, welcome.
You who come aching and weary,
longing for signs and wonders, fearing the world;
And you who come joyful and expectant, welcome.
Whether you are a skeptic, a believer, or somewhere in between, welcome.
Friends, brothers, sisters, siblings, in the words of Jesus:
Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

*HYMN #48

All creatures of our God and King

st. 1-3 all in harmony
st. 4 men (all on refrain)
st. 5 women (all on refrain)
st. 6-7 all in harmony

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

Christian Buller

SOLO

How Can I Keep from Singing
Melissa Schroeder

arr. Walters

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 10:23-25

MCUSA CONVENTION REFLECTIONS

Ruth Harder

RESPONSE ** (see next page)

One: For the holiness of bodies: broken, tired, elastic, growing, loving, wounded, gay, straight, tarns, queer, multitude of colors, gender, age, size and shape...

All: We hold our bodies up to God, who knits us together and makes us whole.

One: For the holiness of justice-making: shared vision, bold imagination, willing hands, careful work, passion, commitment...

All: We hold our justice-making up to God, who sustains us in the struggle.

One: For the holiness of grief shared: tender tears, healing embraces, sacred mourning, honest lament, the emergence of wisdom...

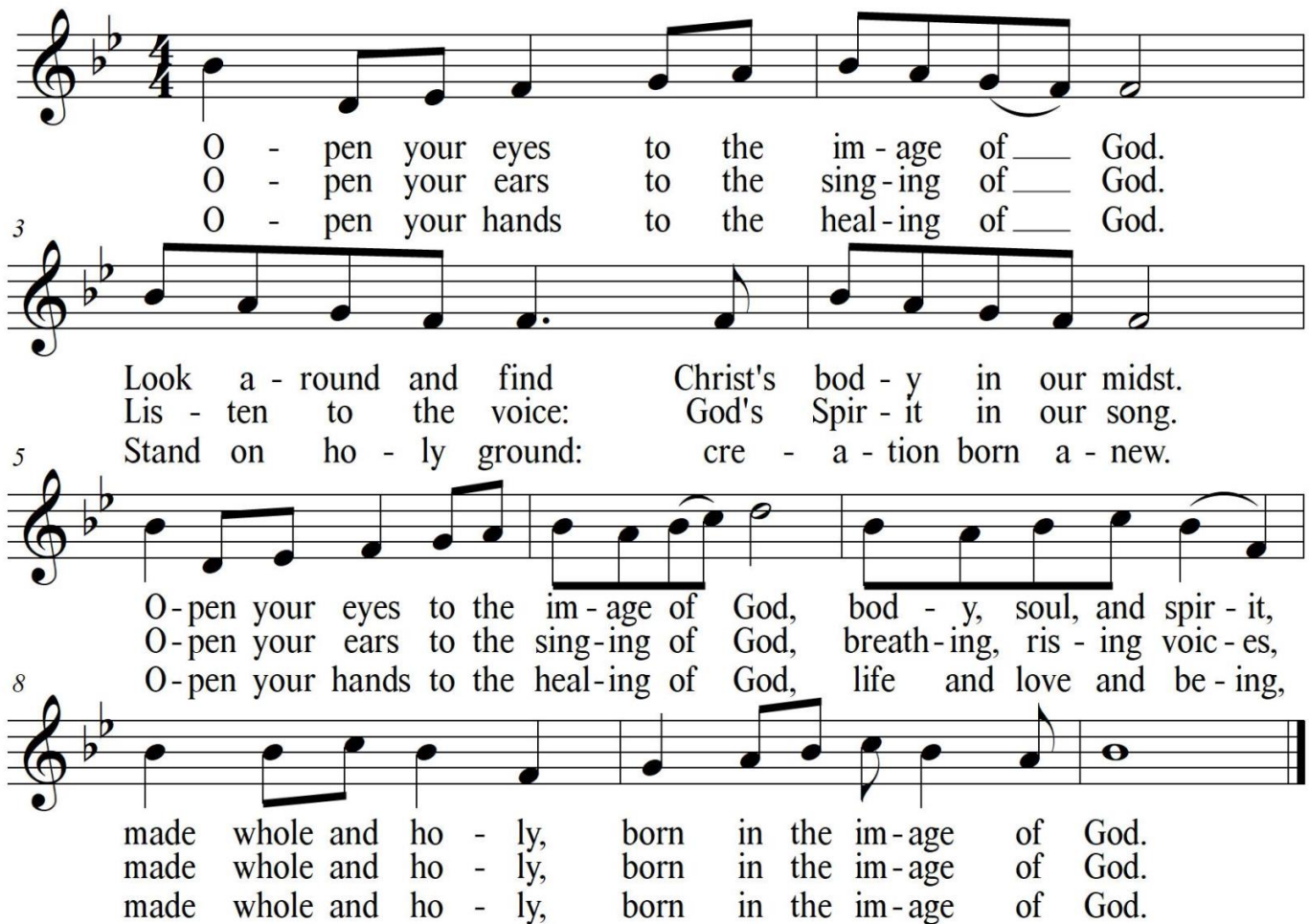
All: We hold our grief up to God, who comforts us in pain.

One: For the holiness of risking love: our conversion to humanity, a trusting vulnerability, celebrating relationships, holding fast, the ferocity of hope...

All: We hold our love up to God, who dances with us in celebration and joy.

One: May our lives, our love, our faith and acts reflect the wonder and holiness of God's presence in the world.

All: Amen.



O - pen your eyes to the im - age of ___ God.
O - pen your ears to the sing - ing of ___ God.
3 O - pen your hands to the heal - ing of ___ God.

5 Look a - round and find Christ's bod - y in our midst.
Lis - ten to the voice: God's Spir - it in our song.
Stand on ho - ly ground: cre - a - tion born a - new.

8 O - pen your eyes to the im - age of God, bod - y, soul, and spir - it,
O - pen your ears to the sing - ing of God, breath - ing, ris - ing voic - es,
O - pen your hands to the heal - ing of God, life and love and be - ing,

made whole and ho - ly, born in the im - age of God.
made whole and ho - ly, born in the im - age of God.
made whole and ho - ly, born in the im - age of God.

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

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT AND 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.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

***SENDING FORTH**

***HYMN #417**

All who love and serve your city

***POSTLUDE**

Please remain standing for the closing hymn and postlude.

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

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

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

**Today's opening prayer and litany are adapted from "Along the Arc: Worship and Ritual for welcoming communities," published by Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests.

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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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